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Happy May-

We are very proud to kick off the month of May with the celebration of the First Anniversary of the Northern Islander. Like with all great adventures and endeavors, we've experienced a signficant amount of learning along the way. Our first issue was 32 pages with some black and white and by July we expanded to 36 pages all color. I am pleased to announce that this month we grew to 40 pages full color. With our growth comes exciting new content and contributors sharing their stories and reporting on local events. We have been partnering with the Beaver Island Community School featuring submissions from our local students and will continue to deepen and enrich the relationship moving forward. Last May, we hosted a reception to honor the Beaver Island Historical Society and the reintroduction of the Northern Islander, so it is only fitting to continue the tradition we hope you join us in our Anniversary Celebration on May 4th at the Print Shop Museum.

If it were not for the local support of our subscribers, contributors and advertising partners, we would not have come this far. Share our newspaper with friends and family to bring the rich culture of Beaver Island to others. If you have a story idea and or feedback on the Northern Islander, please feel free to email me at the above email address.

Hopefully our Beaver Island Boat Company will get our cruisers ready for the Lake Michigan journey but until that time, we are simply a short plane ride away. Check out the calendar of oustanding evens and we hope to see you all soon, summer is right around the corner.

Join us in honoring our Veterans on Memorial Day at 11 AM at Veterans Park.

Kind Regards,
Amy Marschner

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THE BEAVER ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY CELEBRATES THE 1ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTHERN ISLANDER!
Join us on May 4th @ 1 pm at the Print Shop Museum for light refreshments & beverages!

Print Shop Perspective

Since 1957, The Beaver Island Historical Society has been working to keep Beaver Island History Alive! We advance this goal through a mission of preserving and sharing the unique history of Beaver Island and the Archipelago.

RIP Dickie McEvoy!

The Person Who Loves That Lighthouse Is It's Soul. That's What Shines Through the Light! – Lighthouse Alliance Conference, 2024

Last Sunday I was enroute to the Michigan Lighthouse Alliance Conference in Port Huron. As I traveled southward, I reflected on all the progress at the Beaver Head Lighthouse since I began working for the Historical Society in 2017. Decided I would jump off the highway and travel through the Thumb to my destination. Called Dickie and told him I would be in his neighborhood that afternoon and would he like to meet up and have a coffee? He told me that he was in the hospital, and I said it was not a problem, I would grab us drinks and visit him. He asked me to bring him a Diet Coke.

When I got there, he was in good spirits. Could see he was short of breath, and it took him a little extra time to tell me everything I needed to follow up on at the lighthouse. We talked about the renovations scheduled to be completed this summer and I told him we were moving closer to finishing the Lighthouse project and he needed to hang on for another nine months! Little did I know it was the last time we would talk.

I first met Dickie shortly after my arrival in the spring of 2017 and we would soon become good friends. As he would start calling me early in the mornings to talk about the lighthouse needs and interrogate me about tasks to be set in motion or to be completed. It was because of his passion I would organize the annual "This Place Matters" event at the Beaver Head Lighthouse each summer, (by the way… the event will be held on August 18 this year.)

Stay tuned to learn more about how you can help keep ***"Dickie's Dream"*** alive by contacting me at 231-448-2254 or at my email address-director@beaverisland.org.

Dickie, we will keep the light on for you!

Blessed to be your friend,
Lori Taylor-Blitz

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UPDATE ON ST. JAMES TOWNSHIP PARKS AND TRAILS -PART 1

By Bobbi Welke

The St James Township Board is pleased to share that the town beach on the harbor is growing. The township was able to acquire three lots south of the existing beach park between April 2023 and April 2024. These acquisitions extend the beach nearly 360 ft. The new property consists of 3.1 acres and includes 125 ft along King's Highway, just to the south of the township's Government Center. More work is planned to determine how this property will be converted into additional park space. For now, we want to share how the acquisitions came about.

In 2022, Kitty McNamara, our retired township supervisor, learned that two of the three parcels were going to go on the market for $980,000. She engaged with township officials, John Woollam, and island realtor Ed Wojan, who worked with the owners, brothers Evan Karnes and Paul Karnes, to place the sale on hold. This hold allowed the township time to determine a funding strategy to acquire these properties.

Both the Karnes and Ed were determined to make this project more financially feasible for the township. The Karnes generously volunteered to reduce the sale price and Ed eliminated his commission plus contributed $5,000 which brough the new sale price to $875,000.

Township officials, worked with Kitty to obtain the funding which consisted of:

- $525,000 from a grant with the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund. Such grants require Legislative approval. This program is funded through royalties on the sale and lease of state-owned minerals (primarily oil and gas).
- $200,000 from an incredible donation from the J.A. Woollam Foundation.
- $150,000 in matching funds from the township, plus other costs:
  - $4,000 expense for the township to obtain a government approved appraisal.
  - $6,725 expense for 2023 property taxes, a negotiated mitigation with the owners given the unplanned delays to acquire the parcels outside the approved purchase contract deadline.
  - $650 in closing costs.

There were many issues associated with acquiring these properties. A key issue was to determine a source of funding for the township in the amount of $296,116. This amount represents the township's $161,375 obligation for the Karnes' lots plus $134,741 to acquire the beach lot located between the town beach and the two Karnes lots.

In March 2023, the township sold what many call the old DNR property or the Sheriff's home. This property is located on the harbor next to and across from the fuel barge property owned by an island family. The township sold this property and raised $297,000 ($300,000 minus closing costs). A plan was coming together.

Interestingly, the township did not use public funds (e.g., property taxes) for any of these acquisitions. The old DNR property was acquired by the township without the use of public funds. The DNR gave this property to the township in exchange for Whiskey Island. Years ago, the township acquired Whiskey Island when it was forfeited because the property taxes became delinquent.

Watch for a late spring/early summer celebration to dedicate this new park which is named to honor Ed Wojan's work on behalf of the island community. The park will be called the "Edward B. Wojan Park." Our Part 2 report will cover other 2024 plans for the township's parks and trails.

Joint communications from Peaine Township and St. James Supervisors: Staying aware and update on fire risks

Heading into the summer, Beaver Island will experience escalating risks associated with fires. Data indicates that although rainfall has been average for the past 30 days, extended lack of rainfall and lack of average snowfall has led to excessive dry land, leading to parched landscapes prone to ignition. This heightened risk is exacerbated by seemingly innocuous activities such as campfires, the use of matches and candles, and the careless discarding of cigarette butts. Each of these can serve as a catalyst for a potentially large-scale fire. Furthermore, fireworks add an additional layer of fire hazard to the already vulnerable ecosystem of Beaver Island. As a reminder, fireworks are banned on the island except those times allowed by state law superseded only by order from the Fire Chief.

The community must recognize the critical role that individual actions play in maintaining fire safety. Every resident and visitor holds the responsibility to ensure that their activities do not contribute to fire risks. This includes adhering to local guidelines, such as ensuring campfires are fully extinguished, avoiding the use of fireworks, and properly disposing of cigarettes. Simple measures, like choosing battery-operated candles over traditional ones and refraining from lighting matches in open, dry areas, can make a significant difference in fire prevention.

Most importantly, Beaver Island has established fire danger signs across key locations inform the community about the current fire risk level and any ongoing fire bans. It is imperative that everyone takes these signs seriously. These are not merely informative; they are critical tools designed to prevent fires. When on the two highest levels (Very High or Extreme), an automatic ban is in place and must be adhered to. Compliance with these signs and community guidelines is not optional but essential for the safety of all residents and the preservation of the natural beauty and habitat of Beaver Island.

Awareness and proactive measures are the best defenses against the potentially devastating impact of fires on the island.
Bobbi Welke - Supervisor, St. James **Maria Dal Pra** - Supervisor, Peaine

BEAVER ISLAND'S WORLD-CLASS DARK SKIES RECOGNIZED

By Anita Mauro

Beaver Island is the home to Michigan's first and only DarkSky International-certified dark sky sanctuary. Known as the Beaver Island State Wildlife Research Area International Dark Sky Sanctuary (the "Sanctuary"), Beaver Island is home to the Midwest's second, North America's eleventh and the world's twentieth DarkSky International-certified dark sky sanctuary. With such rarity and distinction, you may be asking yourself how this came to be, who is DarkSky International, and what is a dark sky sanctuary?

Have you ever gotten up in the middle of the night and looked out of your window or tent only to have your breath taken away by the night sky? Better yet, have you ever attended a dark sky viewing event on the island? If the answer is yes to either or both of these questions, then you know that Beaver Island has some of the most pristine dark skies in the world with Sky Quality Meter ("SQM") average readings of at least 21.6, and even darker when there is no moonlight. SQMs measure the luminance (or light pollution) of the night sky based on a scale ranging between 16.00 and 22.00. Most densely urban areas such as Chicago (where I live when I'm not on the island) are in the 16.00-17.00 range. Darker suburban areas may reach SQM readings around 19.00.

According to a November 30, 2020 article written by Jeff Minton, professor emeritus in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Colorado Boulder and published in the Colorado Arts and Sciences Magazine, approximately 90% of Americans have never seen the Milky Way and 80% of Americans cannot see the stars at night near their homes due to light pollution. These statistics are staggering when you consider that views of the night sky (including the Milky Way, the Perseids meteor shower, etc.) on Beaver Island are only obstructed by weather conditions, or in the case of last year, the smog caused by the Canadian Wildfires.

Recognizing Beaver Island's unique location and spectacular night skies, ***Cynthia Hector Johnson and William Markey*** reached out to DarkSky International (known as the International Dark Sky Association at the time) in 2019 to find out how Beaver Island could be home to a certified International Dark Sky Place – a certified community, park or protected area that preserve and protect dark sites through responsible lighting policies and public education. To pull from DarkSky International's website (darksky.org), DarkSky International is a not-for-profit with over 2,000 advocates, over 100 delegates, and over 70 chapters throughout the world. Its mission is to restore the nighttime environment and protect communities from the harmful effects of light pollution through outreach, advocacy, and conservation. The minimum SQM reading to qualify as an International Dark Sky Place is 21.2. With the information gathered by Markey and Johnson, the Dark Sky Committee (also known as the Beaver Island Dark Sky Project or the Beaver Island Dark Sky Task Force) was formed under the Beaver Island Association umbrella and the application process began. Needless to say, the Dark Sky Committee did not know just how long this process would take.

In 2021, the first draft of the dark sky sanctuary application was prepared and submitted by Kevin Boyle and Johnson to DarkSky International. They came back with comments and a long laundry list of items that needed to be addressed before approving the dark sky sanctuary application. And so began the test of patience and perseverance as the application process was a bit like playing whack-a-mole: when one item was addressed, the DarkSky International would come up with more items and/or changes to the application, including, but not limited to, obtaining a memorandum of agreement between the Beaver Island Association and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources regarding the management of the proposed sanctuary. The final application was submitted on January 8, 2024. The final area of the Sanctuary (the original footprint was revised based on comments from DarkSky International) contains a total of 9,425.5 acres of land: 9,195.5 acres of the State Wildlife Research Area on Beaver Island owned and managed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and protected by State Laws, and 230 acres of land at Millers Marsh that is owned by Central Michigan University and kept protected as a biological research area.

On Monday, February 12th of this year, I received an email from Dan Oakley of DarkSky International that read: "Hi Anita, I'm pleased to announce that the committee has approved your application for the Beaver Island State Wildlife Research Area Dark Sky Sanctuary – you have made it over the last hurdle and congratulations for seeing the project through to completion!" DarkSky International officially announced the sanctuary's certification on April 8, 2024.;"This certification demonstrates a significant commitment by the Beaver Island community, community officials, advocates, and resource managers to recognize and share the value and importance of natural night skies. Through education and advocacy, these efforts protect the natural and cultural setting of the island against the threat of increased growth. It is a testament to our collective dedication to conservation and sustainable tourism, ensuring that the wonders of the night sky remain unspoiled for present and future generations. I am excited to continue our work towards growing the certification area to include the full island in the future," remarked Amber Harrison, Dark Sky Places Program Manager.

A dedication event is planned for September 20th of this year. Please visit darkskyisland.org to learn more about this event and other dark sky viewing events, as well as what you can do to help protect and preserve this precious resource.

Now the "real" work begins…

Johnson agrees and stated, "We fought hard to become a world-class sanctuary so we could have all the power of an international designation to show the world that Beaver Island not only has phenomenal dark skies free from light pollution, but is also committed to fighting light pollution from our neighbours and protecting our dark skies, our wildlife and human life."

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3 Low Level
Light should be no brighter than necessary
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Use light only when it is needed
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STORIES FROM THE FRONT PORCH: MEET MARY ROSE

By Michelle LaFreniere

Mary Rose. I have thought so highly of her for 45 years. She is magic in its perfect form. Never without a smile and a kind word for anyone she meets.

She first came to the island in 1979. She has always said that I was the first person to greet her. I can believe that. I used to want to know everyone (A very small part of me still does, haha). She wears clothes for comfort but is never without beautiful jewelry. I've never seen her wear lipstick, but with her bright beautiful, inquisitive eyes and smile she never needs makeup. She is unapologetically herself. At almost 85 years old, she needs to be nothing more. She is perfect just the way she is.

I knocked on her door recently, and was greeted with a hearty hello. Her home is just as I remembered it. An artist's dream. Every nook and cranny is filled with art she has made or supplies to make more. There are bookshelves stuffed to the brim. A testament to her love of reading. Mary was working hard on matting some fabulous new originals and many many prints. I am excited for everyone to see what she has been working on this past winter.

The first thing she showed me took my breath away. 185 watercolor paintings that are the illustrations for her book to be released this summer. I can't say it is a new book as she wrote and illustrated it in 1960-61. She is finally getting it published. It is called "The Empty House". It is about animals that move into a closed-up cottage for the winter. I just can't tell you another thing, you will have to wait and see. If this summer does not find you on the island, it will also be available on Amazon.

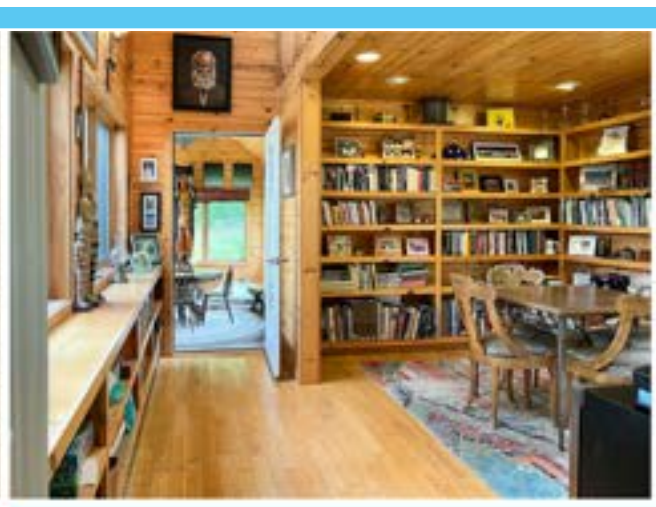
When she found Beaver Island, she was only here for one night. She stayed at the King Strang, rented a bike from Ruthie Gregg, and took a tour with Lillian Gregg. She loved it so much she cried when she had to leave the next day. She scurried back to Chicago to figure out how to get back here with no money. She called Jewell Gillespie and told him she'd be back in a few days to buy property. Many miraculous things happened for her and she was able to come straight back. Jewell quickly became like a dad to her. Something told her he loved Black Cherry ice cream, so she bought him a cone. It melted before he got it , but that endeared her to him. He helped her to find some property on Barney's Lake Road, and then again when she moved to town because her young son wanted to be closer to school and friends. Mary had owned and operated a store in Chicago on Halstead Street. She knew how to run a business and opened The Toy Museum in the summer of 1980. It was very slow-going at first, but grew every year and still continues to do so. Mary estimates that many days last summer saw over 1,000 shoppers.

She still looks forward to every season. Last year was a little hard, with some health issues. Mary had never had those before. These days her only child, Jason, and his wife Tricia help with some aspects of the business. Some day Jason will take over. Jason is a very talented photographer. He definitely gets his artistic eye from Mary. We talked about all the different kinds of art she does. The only thing I could come up with that she hadn't done was stained glass. Every piece of her art means something to her, whether it be a favorite place or object, or something she imagines in her creative mind. I recognized every location she showed me.

I asked her, if someone were to bring you a gift, what would you like? She replied quickly "Diet Pepsi". I expected her to say, flowers, jewelry, etc. Diet Pepsi. That's our Mary. She is a very encouraging soul. She even tried to convince me I could do some of the things she does. I laughed and laughed.

In her quiet mornings she enjoys time with her husband, Glen. She enjoys her flowers, her bird, her goldfish and her new kitty. Home is where her heart is. She finds comfort, solace and understanding in a book called Urantia. She told me about it, and she is on her second copy of it. I'm going to have to see what that's all about. She plans to live until the spring of her 103rd year. I sure hope so. Three generations of my family have loved Mary and her store. Even after she is gone, she will live forever in our hearts. Thanks for having me in. I'm glad you found us 45 years ago.

Pierre wants to know if you have a story? Share it with us! To submit your piece for consideration, email our Editor at editor@beaverislandhistory.org



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ELKS PARTNERSHIP KEEPS SPREADING SMILES ON BEAVER ISLAND

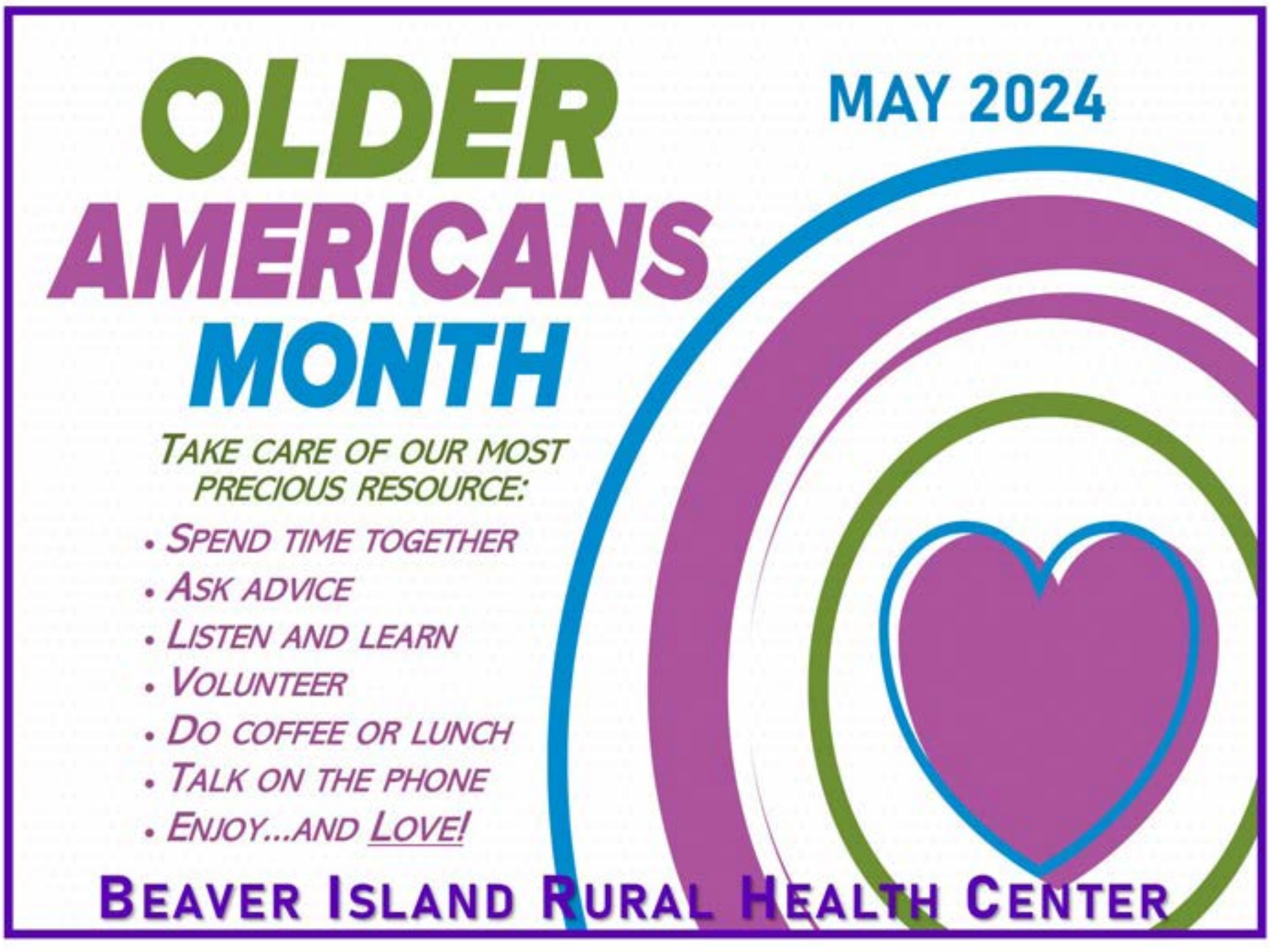
By Ann Partridge

Third Annual Children's Oral Health Clinic a gleaming success.

Yet another morning of grounded flights heralded the start of the Third Annual Beaver Island Children's Oral Health Clinic at the Dental Clinic's North office on February 22, 2024. Undaunted, DCN hygienist and Islander Courtney deRuiter set up a table of dental goody giveaways and proceeded to x-ray, scrape, examine and polish away. With the rest of the DCN team arriving in the afternoon, they all managed to accomplish 26 x-rays, 26 prophylaxes, 21 fluoride varnishes, 3 sealants, 3 complete oral evaluations and 12 periodic oral evaluations all by flight time Friday afternoon.

The Beaver Island Elks Lodge #2886, Beaver Island Rural Health Center, the Swiat Foundation, Dental Clinics North, and Beaver Island Community School partnered for this year's National Dental Health Month event. "Oral health is a big part of total health and can greatly affect a child's ability to learn and succeed in school. We are greatly appreciative to our partners for their commitment to our Island youth's health and welfare" shared Ann Partridge of the BIRHC.

Lori Taylor-Blitz, Vice-President of the Health Center Board of Directors and a member of local Elks Lodge #2886 noted the Elks' mission is to invest in their communities through programs that help children grow up healthy and drug-free, meet the needs of today's veterans, and improve the quality of life. "The Elks are delighted and proud to have partnered in establishing and continuing this pivotal program within the community," she said, "and it's gratifying to know you helped brighten a smile or two along the way."



BEAVER ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTER UPDATE

Last month your Community Center ushered out winter and welcomed spring with a Beach Party that had everyone dancing, courtesy of Tropical Rock Duo Two Dudes in Flip-Flops. The event had folks doing the limbo, cavorting with Hula Hoops, and raising their glasses in pirate cheers throughout the night. Pictured here is BIC Center Director Paul Cole introducing the entertainers at the beginning of the beach-fun soiree.

The month of May has a fun roster of offerings as well! Details and times of our regular programs, activities, and local meetings can be found on the Community Calendar at biccenter.org, and below is an outline of the main events.

On Saturday May 4, we're hosting a Star Wars Watch Party in the theater called May the Fourth Be With You. Featuring Episode IV, A New Hope, Episode V, The Empire Strikes Back, and Episode VI, Return of the Jedi, the movie marathon will include a costume contest, a mocktail cantina, and all the space-blasting thrills you could want on the big screen.

On May 7 and 11 we've got our ever-popular Let's Get Quizzical! Trivia Nights in the upstairs Hangout, with great snacks, challenging questions, and cool prizes. Also on May 11 is our special Mother's Day program Lockets of Love, where parents can help their kids pick a locket off the tree of love (silver and gold) and help them put their pictures in it. Registration and photos of kids required, with a continental breakfast included.

That's followed on May 17 by the annual Beaver Island Community School play, with this year's offering titled Stuck At Home, a comedy about a hilarious family struggling to endure being home together without the usual distractions. Off-site on May 25 at the Beaver Island Golf Course is a Golf Tournament benefiting Child and Family Activities at the BIC Center, along with lunch, special awards and a raffle. We'll see you at the Community Center!

EDUCATION CORNER: EVERY MONTH LET'S LEARN ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING AT OUR SCHOOL FROM OUR FACULTY AND STUDENTS

BEAVER ISLAND COMMUNITY SCHOOL

BICS Student Stories

This month's Educational Corner focuses on student writing samples. The following students have worked very hard writing these pieces and we hope you enjoy them all! Authors: Charlie Chadwick, Rory Irmsher, Jolene Warmerdam, Amelia Bousquet, Alice Ledbetter, Olive Ledbetter, and Ian Burgess. Thank you to all who submitted!

Amelia's Story

Once there was an Iditarod Sled Dog Race. The musher's name was Anna. The leader dog was me and my name is Amelia. I will tell you the names of the other dogs - Snow, Flake, Loona, Braden, Jamey, Mochy, and Camy. They were getting ready to go. Anna put on their booties. Then, Anna said, "HIke" and off they went. Then, at Campbell Air Strip, it was windy and super snowy. Then, at Willow, the dogs got tangled. Anna said, "Ho!" They stopped. Anna got off and untangled them. They got tangled because they were moving different ways. After they got untangled, they went to rest. Then, They got back on track. Anna said, "Hike." They were sooooo excited to get to Nome. Then, they stopped. "Ho" Anna said. They took a food and water break. Then, they were back on track and they made it to Safety. It was windy and the booties flew away, but Anna caught them. This is how windy it was. It was so slippery that all of the dogs fell down and Anna got off and helped the dogs up. Camy got hurt, but he could still run. He was OK. They were so excited. They ran really, really fast because they were so excited. Then, they were so close to Nome. They were almost there. Then, they made it to Nome! Everybody cheered! Anna was the first one there. The dogs were howling and the dogs were running around joyfully.

Jolene's Story

We were lining up for the Iditarod Sled Dog Race. We were Bib Three and were howling because we were as ready as we could ever be. Some people yelled, "Go, go, go!" and some people yelled, "Wow!" and someone even said, "Look at the beautiful dogs." Then, we go to Willow. We ate some food and took a nap. Connor M. was our musher. He gave us water. We left Willow. Outside of Willow, we encountered a hill. There was a lot of wind, but we were pumped and we pushed. I will tell you the other dogs names - Moon, Cooke, Coo Coo, Coo Coo's sister Cone, Ben, Dave, Looie, and George.

Alice's Story

It was the start of the Iditarod race! Three, two, one! Go - and as they were going in, the crowd was shouting. The musher realized that the Iditarod race was on! The next checkpoint was Willow. Then, there was a snowstorm. The musher realized the rope was tangled up. "Stop," said the musher. The good thing was that the musher was at a checkpoint. On the next morning, the dogs were running faster and quicker. The dogs got to Safety. The next morning, the team got so close, then when they were before. The musher said, "Stop". The booties were wet. First, they had to take off the booties and, then, start a fire. They set the booties by the fire, picked up the bootied and put them back on the dogs. Then, they were getting up and running to Safety. The dogs liked running up and down on the hills. They kept running and were at Nome. So, the musher and the dogs won first place. They got the Iditarod Race trophy and the crowd cheered for the win!

Rory's Story

Snowy the sled dog was in the line to leave Anchorage, the biggest city in Alaska. They started running the race. Just before they arrived in Willow, their musher realized the rope was tangled. Their mushers stopped the dogs to untangle the rope. After all this happened, the dog sled team made it to Willow. The dogs ate and rested at Willow. The dog sled team was going to Nome. The dog sled team was through a windy, windy forest. The dog sled team was going through a snowy terrain. The snowy terrain was icy and slippery. One of the dogs slipped on the ice. The musher stopped the dog sled to check on the dog that slipped on the ice. The dogs knew it was unpredictable because it was over a frozen lake. After this, they arrived in Nome. The dog sled won the Iditarod. The dogs were happy and the mushed was, too.

CHAR-EM ISD SPECIAL EDUCATION MILLAGE RENEWAL MAY 7, 2024

By Wil Cwikiel, BICS Superintendent-Principal

On May 7th, voters in Beaver Island, along with voters throughout the entire Char-Em Intermediate School District (which includes all of Charlevoix and Emmet Counties, as well as the northern part of Antrim County), will be asked to consider renewing the long-standing Char-Em ISD special education millage.

Since initially passed in 1980, this millage has supported education for children with special needs both at the local district level and for those children attending schools and programs operated by the Char-Em ISD. On Beaver Island, the revenues from this millage go directly to supporting our special needs students by reimbursing just over half of our special education expenses. In addition, this millage pays for the Char-Em ISD professionals who travel to Beaver Island each week to provide school social work, speech therapy, occupational therapy, and teacher consultancy to support our students.

On the mainland, this millage pays for Char-Em ISD-operated classrooms and the Patricia A. Taylor School for Exceptional Learners in Petoskey. It also provides specific training for teachers, evaluation services, and highly specialized transportation for students with disabilities, along with career and college readiness preparation. Char-Em ISD serves more than 1,330 students with special needs in 11 public school districts, two charter academies, and five private schools each year. Sixteen special education classrooms, including two early childhood classrooms, are operated in Char-Em ISD's service region.

"This millage was originally approved by voters in 1980 and has been renewed every four years since," said Char-Em ISD Superintendent Scott Koziol. "This millage impacts the lives of thousands of students and their families in our region, from newborns to students up to age 26, including their lives beyond school. It provides critical services to students with disabilities in every school within Char-Em ISD." millage approved in 2020.

The proposed millage rate of 1.4606 mills is unchanged from the prior millage approved in 2020. You will notice the ballot language reads "increase" instead of "renewal." By law, this wording is required because the prior millage expired on Dec. 31, 2023. So, technically, there is no current levy for special education on properties within Char-Em ISD, which makes the millage request on May 7 th a "new" levy on the ballot. This is the same wording that has been on every ballot since the first renewal in 1984. If approved, the ballot issue would renew 1.4606 mills for four years (2024-2027), generating approximately $10.3 million per year for special education operational funding across the entire ISD. For a home with a market value of $100,000, it would cost the taxpayer about $75 per year.

In Michigan, special education services begin at birth for a person with disabilities and are provided until the age of 26. ISDs and local districts like Beaver Island Community School are mandated by state law to provide special education services. Moreover, the Char-Em ISD is obligated to support local districts serving students with disabilities. Costs associated with providing services not covered by the millage are funded by state, federal, and other local dollars and grants. If this millage did not pass, Beaver Island Community School would need to reallocate funding from existing student programs to comply with state and federal laws that mandate the provision of special education services. Simply put, without the revenue from this millage, Beaver Island Community School could not serve our special needs students (nor our general education students) nearly as well as we do.

If you have any questions about the Char-Em ISD millage proposal, please call me at (231) 448-2744. Polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm on Tuesday, May 7, 2024. Voting takes place at Peaine Township Hall and St. James Township Hall. For absentee ballots or information regarding early voting options, contact your Township Clerk: Carla Martin (Peaine) (231) 448-3540; Julie Gillespie (St. James) (231) 448-2761.

ROAD TO THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

By Olive Ledbetter

The Revolutionary War had many causes that led up to the colonists' rebellious behavior. What exactly could cause a small nation of people to fight against a much stronger, powerful force? British parliament would pass unfair laws that the colonists had to abide by, tax them excessively and unfairly, and much more.

One of the first actions on the Road to Revolution was against the French and Indian War. France, with the help of Native Americans, were fighting the British over the Ohio River Valley, from 1754 to 1763. With many soldiers overseas, Britain had to send over supplies, food, and more soldiers to fight, which led Britain into debt. When the war was over, the British Parliament agreed to tax the Colonists to pay for the war. Since the colonists did not partake in the French and Indian War, they were not quite ecstatic about the new laws.

On March 22, 1765, after the French and Indian War, British Parliament passed the Stamp Act, to pay for their debt. The new law added a tax for anything made of paper; Newspapers, playing cards, pamphlets, etc. Considering that the Colonists used paper for everyday life, the Stamp Act could be quite inconvenient for them. In response, the Colonists boycotted British paper and would burn any stamped paper, some would threaten the tax collectors, and many even refused to pay the tax. Eventually, the Stamp Act Congress- 27 delegates from 9 of the colonies- met in New York to decide the best way to protest. Eventually, seeing that colonists were trying so hard to have the Act repealed, Parliament was finally repealed on March 17, 1766.

Though the Stamp Act was repealed, King George III did not want to appear weak. So, the Townshend Acts were passed on March 5, 1767. The new law added a tax on lead, glass, tea, and many other everyday goods. Again, the colonists used these things for regular life, so the tax could be quite agitating. Many Colonists refused to pay the tax and would rebel against the tax collectors. Eventually, the Tax collectors asked Britain to send over soldiers to enforce the laws. 4000 British soldiers arrived in Boston. Many soldiers were paid quite poorly, so they began to take the Colonist's jobs. On March 5, 1770, a fight between a local merchant and a British soldier broke out. A crowd of many Colonists collected and began throwing objects at the soldier. The soldier called out for reinforcements, but once they arrived, they were ordered not to shoot. This commandment was left unbroken until someone in the crowd of Colonists threw a wooden club, which resulted in the Redcoats firing. This, one of the many actions on the Road to the Revolution, became known as the Boston Massacre.

British Parliament still had many unfair taxes and laws, especially on tea. On December 16, 1773, a group of Colonists dressed as Mohawk Indians boarded three ships- the Beaver, Dartmouth, and the Eleanor- carrying tea to dump the crates in the Boston Harbor. These colonists dumped a total of 342 chests (45 tons), worth the modern-day about $1,700,000 into the harbor. In response to this act of rebellion, the British Parliament passed new laws a punishment for the Boston Tea Party, as well as closing down the Boston harbor until all the tea was paid for.

The new laws passed by Britain were called the Coercive Acts, better known as the Intolerable Acts. The first Act, called the Boston Port Act, led Britain to close the Boston Harbor until the tea was paid for. The second law, called the Massachusetts Government Act, was where Britain took control over Massachusetts. Practically all positions in the Massachusetts Government were chosen by the British Parliament or the King. The next act, called the Administrative Justice Act let British soldiers, if liable for crime, can have their trial in Britain instead of Massachusetts. The last law, called the Quartering Act, allowed all soldiers of Britain to force any Colonists to let them into their homes, and the soldiers were allowed to tax them on their food and houses.

On September 5th, 1774, the first Continental Congress met in Philadelphia. Fifty-six delegates from 12 of the colonies except Georgia - came together to discuss how to deal with Britain. The Congress sent a letter to King George III explaining the problems with the new laws. Many members of Congress said that the colonies should prepare to fight, while others said that they should resolve the problem peacefully.

One of the biggest actions that led to the Revolutionary War was the battle of Lexington and Concord, which was one of the very first battles of the war. On April 19, 1775, 700 British soldiers marched to Concord to steal guns and ammunition. Paul Revere heard that the British were coming and warned the Colonists the night of the battle. On the way to Concord, Minutemen fired at soldiers in Lexington. In the battle, seventy-three British were killed and one hundred-seventy-four were wounded, while 49 colonists were killed, and 39 were wounded. After the battle, the siege of Boston began and lasted until March 17, 1776.

The last important event that led up to the Revolutionary War was the Battle of Bunker Hill. Despite its name, the battle was actually fought on Breeds Hill, due to the fact that they had poor maps. On June 13, 1775, the Colonists received word that the British were going to attempt to capture Breeds and Bunker Hill. At night, the Americans built 6-foot walls to defend the Hill. The British found the American soldiers and launched three attacks, the first two being unsuccessful, and won the third due to the Colonists having little ammunition.

In Philadelphia, PA, on July 4th of 1776, the Colonists declared their independence by signing the Declaration of Independence. Written by Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams Roder Sherman, and Robert R. Livingston, The Declaration was signed by 56 members of the Second Continental Congress. Though it was approved by Congress on July 4th, they did not have approval of all 13 colonies until July 9th, 1776, and did not sign it until nearly a month later. There were four main points of the Declaration of Independence: Equality, Unalienable rights, consent of the governed, and the right to alter or abolish government. Though the Americans had officially declared their independence, that wasn't the end of the fighting. The American Revolution was officially over on September 3, 1783, when the Treaty of Paris was signed.

In conclusion, there were many actions and events that led to the Revolutionary War. The British were unfair to the Colonists in many ways; they taxed them unfairly, took control of the colonists' government, took away rights, and much more. I believe that the British were very biased, and shouldn't have passed so many unfair laws on the Colonists. If they didn't it could have saved them a lot of trouble. Such as the Boston Tea Party: If the British hadn't taxed so much on tea, the Colonists might not have boycotted the East Virginia Company, or thrown all the crates of tea in the Boston Harbor. The colonists, after a long, crucial war, finally gained their independence from Britain.

Poem by Ian- The Volcano

In a quiet town where peace once reigned supreme,
A volcano slumbers in the earth below,
Its fiery heart concealed, a sleeping dream,
But soon its rage will burst, its fury show.

The ground begins to tremble, buildings shake,
As molten lava flows with deadly might,
Consuming all in its destructive wake,
A fearsome sight, a blazing, crimson light.

The people flee, their homes now lost in flame,
Their cries of anguish lost in nature's roar,
The town is swallowed by the fiery rage,
As ash and smoke now darken the sky once

Charlie's Story- Winter's End

With the temperatures rising on Beaver Island, it is sure winter is going to end soon. The snow is melting along with the ice. Soon swimming is going to be an open choice. Bring out your fishing rods because with the ice melting fishing will be easier. The leaves are coming back after falling in the autumn. Puddles instead of inches of snow. Rain will fall too. The boats will run across Lake Michigan again. Snowmen will not be built because of no snow. No more snow, no more snowball fights until the next couple inches of snowfall late this year.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY AT THE SHAMROCK (INN, BRONX, NY)

By Josh Broder

In New York there are hundreds of Irish bars, but only one in the entire city with "Shamrock" in its name.

I got to the Shamrock Inn at 1:30 p.m. on St. Patrick's Day. The tables were nearly empty, but there was a friendly buzz in the air and the only stool free was round the crook of the bar and right next to the narrow channel where the young bartender could scoot in and out. The joe on the next stool assured me that she would not be sitting. Turns out his name was Ken – and he recommended the holiday special, Shepherd's Pie and (as one hopes when walking into an unfamiliar bar) in general made welcome the stranger.

And I was a stranger to the entire neighborhood. I moved to NYC decades ago but had never before set foot in the Pelham Bay section of the Bronx. It's a bit of an island of a kind different than Beaver. Two highways with 14 lanes between them enclose the area. Not as remote as Beaver Island, but almost no one passes through Pelham Bay on their way to anywhere else.

The "ferry" that brings you to this island is the Number 6 subway. The Shamrock Inn is at the far end of the line from its southern terminus, near the 9/11 Fountains. This Shamrock is further from that Manhattan landmark than the Beaver Head Lighthouse is from the World Trade Center chunk in front of the island firehouse.

Like our harbor hangout, the long bar runs down the right side as you enter, tables to your left. It's the same orientation as our Shamrock, looking east. But the curtains on the windows onto the street are drawn permanently closed. I'm confident that the Porco Prime Realty building across the avenue doesn't, at sunset, light up as gloriously as do the buildings on Whiskey Point. Inside, there were four or five screens on the wall above the bar. Two buddies talked back to a March Madness preview show on one. The monitor at my end had the thoroughbreds running that day at Aqueduct Park.

Ken was settled in under the screen, with keys, wallet and... maybe a beeper(??) positioned around his Bud Light. He studied an old-fashioned hardcopy Racing Form. His buddy Erika, wearing her navy-blue Shamrock Inn sweatshirt, would swing by a minute before post time to check the late odds. Ken said she's an ace handicapper. A few races in, we were joined by Ralph, with his own Racing Form.

Ralph and Erika made their bets on their phones. But Ken, leaving his possessions undefended, would trundle to the far end of the bar and do his transactions with an onsite "small businessman." In a world where folks still buy a Racing Form spun out from a rumbling printing press, there are still IRL bookies.

Just beyond the racetrack crowd was Jack, who Ken introduced as a professional musician. He's got the bad-ass beard, wicked black hat and charismatic eyes to be headlining in Nashville or Austin. Life being what it is, he lays that hat out on the sidewalk front of the nearby Citibank and plays his heart out.

I am having a great time at this 'rock, a warm glow filling me like ones I've felt in the cozy environs of the island iteration. And it's not booze buzz. It's just the happy contagion caught from people who feel right at home and with nothing to prove. People with the generosity of heart to want you to feel that same way.

Michelle, who runs the bar for her parents, shared some history when we spoke later. There's been a Shamrock serving on the block since before World War I, originally across the street. The owner closed up when he went off to fight. Returning to the Roaring Twenties, the rent was too high and he moved to the current location.

Decades later, 1980s, Michelle's mom, Rosetta, was the first female bartender, having tended at her father's pub in County Tyrone. Rosetta married Michelle's dad, an expat from Galway with a classic name, Christy Lawless. They bought the bar in '96. Bought the building, expanded, put in the kitchen.

In the 80's and 90's it was "a bit of home" for the many Irish chain-migrating into the neighborhood. Many of these folks achieved legal status via those Irish political Jedis, Ronald Reagan and Tip O'Neil.

"It's very cool," Michelle told me. "My mom ran everything until the mid-2010's. But she trained myself and my brothers. We've had customers that have been served by my mom and by her kids. We've served customers and are now serving their kids. We sponsor a bar hockey team, softball, darts, a pool team. The bar is a staple of the community." Community is exactly what I was feeling, and in that, like the Irish immigrants of her parent's early years, it reminded me bittersweetly of a beloved island far away.

"As an Irish bar… in this neighborhood today, it's a hold out," Ken told me. Michelle put it differently, "As the neighborhood became more diverse it became more of a local spot for all the neighborhood people." Statistics show it's a mosaic neighborhood. It's strongly Democratic, going for Joe Biden two-to-one in 2020. Median income is 2/3 that of NYC as a whole. Poverty level 25% higher. Hard scrabble. Like Michelle's parents, about 30% of neighborhood folks are foreign-born, aligned with the rest of the city.

I appreciate these immigrants. They repopulated a city at its nadir when I arrived in 1977. They take the vital jobs no one else wants, open dynamite restaurants that save us from the ridiculous haunts of the uber-rich. They work hard, pay taxes, put their kids in school and hopefully on-track to the middle-class. Same as it ever was, and God bless' em!

I love a visit to our Shamrock. I love Beaver Island, where things change slowly. Years ago, for an article, I pushed for a quote from Cindy Gillespie about King Strang. She finally spit out "What do you want me to say?! I'm just glad he's gone!" It was like she was venting about some crab-ridden roommate-from-hell who she'd finally gotten out of her home. History is alive!

But I love New York too, where things change much more quickly, so fast that past and present blur and overlap. As I headed towards the door at the Shamrock Inn, I was warmed to see two young Dominican ladies, skin-tight, low cut and wearing sparkly green cardboard top-hats, toasting the Patron Saint of Ireland.

Josh Broder is a fourth-generation summer resident. In 1979 he bartended at the Lodge and later co-directed The Beaver Island Arts Project.

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MAY IS....

May is the National Get Caught Reading Month

What better place to get caught reading than at the Library! Stop in, find a book and curl up somewhere comfortable and Get Caught Reading!

May Is National Miniature Garden Month:

Get creative with native plants and design your own miniature garden! Send a picture to the Library!

May is National Military Appreciation Month:

Free coffee or tea for the whole month for those of you who served!

ECLIPSE DAY AT THE BIDL

April 8th dawned gray and overcast. Not the best for watching a once in a lifetime event, a Solar Eclipse! But soon the clouds left and we got a mostly clear sky for the viewing which began at 2 p.m. Over 100 people showed up by the maximum including over 70 school kids, teachers and personnel, parents and community members. Glasses were distributed and we all gathered on the soccer field to watch! We also had a smart telescope hooked up to the TV inside and recorded. The max of the eclipse in our area is shown below.

GLENN HENDRIX BOOK LAUNCH AT THE BIDL

April 13th was the launch of Glenn Hendrix' and Caoimhin Mac Aoidh's book, Islands of Fiddlers: the fiddle tunes of Patrick Bonner, Beaver Island Michigan. Glenn was in-person at the BIDL, and Caoimhin was in Ireland on Zoom with folks there and here! They talked about the book and then the Irish fiddlers took over and played some tunes. Glenn also entertained us on both of the Islands playing Bonner music on his fiddle.

An order form is available at both the BI Historical Society and BIDL to buy the book when it becomes available on this side of the "pond". It is not on Amazon!

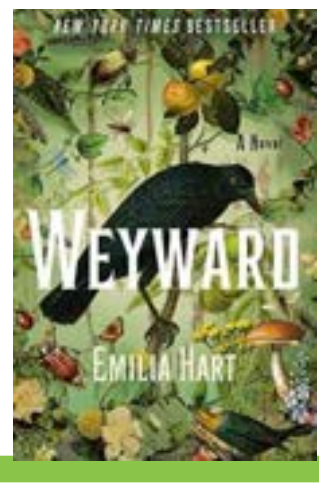
Easter Celebrations at the BIDL- Egg Decorating and Egg Hunting

Egg Decorating brought out the creative kids to color their eggs.

Egg Hunting the next day had over 50 people show up, both to hunt and to watch! Lots of eggs for everybody..

The BOBI book club will meet on May 15th at 3 p.m.

Our book discussion will be about the novel Weyward by Emilia Hart. Everyone is welcome to attend. Books are available at the Library.



Seed Library Seminar Series:
May 9th starts our monthly series of speakers on garden topics. May will feature Nate Walton, consumer horticulture educator from MSU Extension Service who will help us understand garden prep and soil fertility. This will be on Zoom. We will have it set up at the Library. You can zoom in also at the below link. May 9th at 1 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting
https://msu.zoom.us/j/96395285063
Meeting ID: 963 9528 5063
Passcode: 214971

Nick Delaat presents Internet Scam Prevention at BIDL

On April 16th, Nick Delaat presented information about how to protect yourself from scammers on the Internet. A small but very attentive group assembled to listen to Nick give hints about how to spot scammers and avoid losing your data, money and more. Many people are falling prey to these scammers and Nick has had many calls from Islanders needing help. Get proactive and attend the next presentation. Nick will be available for another presentation on May 14th at 1:30 pm.

BIDL Cleanup and Planting
May 18th 10 a.m.: We are looking for volunteers to come help us clean up the grounds and prepare the beds for planting. Rakes and leaf blowers are definitely needed. All the leaves still on the trees last November, when we cleaned up, obviously came down and filled the yard, as well as small branches. So, we need some folks willing to get down and dirty clearing the grounds and preparing the beds.

May 25th 10 a.m.: We will be planting the beds with the Langford's generous donation of plants. We hope to prepare the ground around the flag pole for some native plantings also.

Volunteers are needed to water the plants throughout the summer months. Please contact the library to let us know.

COMMUNITY, COMMUNITY = B. I. ANGELS

By Amy Marschner

This island continues to amaze me daily with the kindness, generoustity and selflessness that is so effortlessly offered in times of need. We are creating this page in support with all Non-Profit organizations on the Island and also in parnership with the “Beaver Island Volunteers” to help promote and recruit the help of our “Island Angels”.

If you are interested in supporting our community then please join us at our first Volunteer Fair on June 13th and or join the Beaver Island Volunteer Facebook page.

Beaver Island Volunteers
Public group · 138 members
“NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL GROUP OF THOUGHTFUL, COMMITTED CITIZENS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD: INDEED, IT'S THE ONLY THING THAT EVER HAS.”

INAUGURAL VOLUNTEER FAIR
JUNE 13, 2024 1-4 PM
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ISLAND ANGELS
WE INVITE ALL NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY AND LET THEM KNOW YOUR NEEDS AND HOW THEY CAN BE INVOLVED. OUR ISLANDERS LOVE TO HELP SO PLEASE, ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR INTEREST AND RSVP BEFORE MAY 31ST.
HERE ARE THE SPECIFICS:
• THE EVENT DATE WILL BE JUNE 13TH FROM 1 TO 4.
• LOCATION: BEAVER ISLAND PRINT SHOP MUSEUM
• A TABLE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR EACH NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION.
THE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR:
• A TIMELY REGISTRATION BEFORE MAY 31
• MARKETING MATERIALS SPECIFIC TO YOUR ORGANIZATION
• SIGN-UP SHEETS SPECIFIC TO YOUR ORGANIZATIONAL NEEDS.
• A TREAT AT THE TABLE FOR GUESTS
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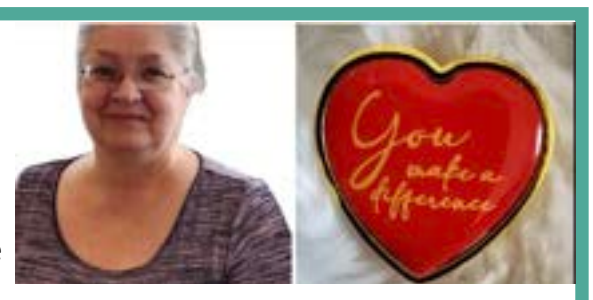

Rose has volunteered and served our community well. To name a few of her accomplishments, she has provided her talents and energy to the Christian Church, the BIC Center, the Bl Commission on Aging, and this year she is adding the Bl Music Beaver Island Music Festival. In her words: “I enjoy volunteering and helping people, especially children. I enjoy giving back to the island community. The biggest jackpot Icould ever hit is living on Beaver Island”. Lonnie Anderson summed her up the best and I have to share: “Rose is an invaluable asset to our team at the Charlevoix County COA. Her dedication and compassionate nature make her an exceptional volunteer. “

One of Rose’s standout qualities is her ability to take the lead on various aspects of volunteering with minimal direction. Whether it’s assisting with meal sign-ups or coordinating tasks, Rose approaches each responsibility with enthusiasm and efficiency. Her friendly smile and warm greetings create a welcoming atmosphere for all clients who attend our monthly meals. Rose is truly one of a kind. Her joyful demeanor and unwavering gratitude shine through in everything she does. Whether it’s within our organization or elsewhere in the Beaver Island community, Rose’s dedication to service is both inspiring and impactful. We are incredibly fortunate to have her as part of our volunteer team.

With a heart that is both kind and helpful. Rose consistently goes above and beyond to ensure the well-being of our clients”. If you see Rose, please, thank her for all that she does.

BEAVER ISLAND BIRDING FESTIVAL

By Cheryl Oliver Kern

After 10 wonderful years we are undergoing a leadership transition, and with limited time constraints, we are having a smaller festival this year. The Birding Foray on the Beaver. Beaver Island is in northern Lake Michigan. The island is a spring migratory song and shore bird mecca with over 200 species of birds recorded from the island. Registration is limited and birders are encouraged to register early through the Beaver Island Birding Trail website at store.biccenter.org/warblers2024.

Transportation to the island is via ferry or air taxi. Lodging is available on the island and transportation for the field trips will be provided to registered participants. More information about transportation and lodging is available on the website. Accomplished field trip leaders and speakers will be providing information for everyone whether a novice or an expert in the birding field.

Featured speakers will include Darrell Lawson speaking on identifying shorebirds in flight and Terry Grabill will be giving his Big Talk. Darrell Lawson as well as Terry and Andrea Grabill will also be giving tours to Protar's Tomb, Barney's, Lake, Kuebler Trail and McCauleys Point. Dr. Tim Lamey will be giving a tour at Little Sand Bay and an evening excursion to Gull Harbor.

After this year of transition with the Birding Foray on the Beaver, our full event will return next year as Warblers on the Water 2025.

For more information about the island, visit the Chamber of Commerce's web site at beaverisland.org. The Beaver Island Birding Trail, Warblers on the Water and Birding Foray on the Beaver are projects of the Beaver Island Association.

FEATURED PRESENTERS:

Darrell Lawson has been birding since 2012 and has been leading field trips since 2014 for BIBT's Warblers on the Water. He is a past president (and current vice-president) of the Petoskey Regional Audubon Society, has co-chaired the Sunset Coast Birding Trail Development team, and is a past member of the Michigan Bird Records Committee. He routinely leads field trips around Michigan.

Terry Grabill is a recently retired middle school teacher and West Michigan birder who made a Michigan Big Year run in 2021. On his way to recording a whopping 323 species for the year, he logged an obscene number of miles, had some great adventures, and met many amazing people along the way. Terry's talk will describe Tales from the Road of his Mitten Big Year!

Dr. Tim Lamey first visited the Beaver Island Archipelago for field work on High Island on Common and Caspian Terns in 1982 and 1983. Tim earned a Master's in Biology from University of Minnesota, Duluth, and a Doctorate in Zoology from the University of Oklahoma. In addition to High Island, he conducted field work in Colorado (Orioles), Texas (Great Egrets), Oklahoma (Cattle Egrets), Washington (Glaucous-winged Gulls), northern Manitoba (Ring-billed Gulls), New Zealand (Snares Penguins), and the Falkland Islands (Rockhopper Penguins). In the early 1980s he also was a counter at Hawk Ridge Nature Reserve and Whitefish Point Bird Observatory.

A full calendar of events is available on the Beaver Island Association website at beaverislandassociation.org/beaver-birding-foray-2024. Kick off Memorial Weekend and summer with a birding trip to Michigan's Birding Secret: Beaver Island, Warblers on the Water!

ABOUT THE BEAVER ISLAND BIRDING TRAIL

The Beaver Island Birding Trails include a variety of marked birding sites which serve as a migratory stop-over for many species. Information about the sites on the trail and a self-guided tour of it are available on the trail website at beaverislandbirdingtrail.org. Warblers on the Water is the annual spring birding festival organized by the Beaver Island Association, which lead the development of the Trail.

ABOUT THE BEAVER ISLAND ASSOCIATION

The Beaver Island Association (BIA), a 501 (c) 3, is located on Beaver Island, Michigan. It was established in 1988 to support the environmental and economic sustainability of the islands. The BIA represents the combined interests of our membership on issues that affect the fundamental character and beauty of Beaver Island. Working with other island organizations, local government and mainland interests, we strive to support both environmental and economic sustainability on our island home. You can learn more about the BIA and our work at beaverislandassociation.org/.

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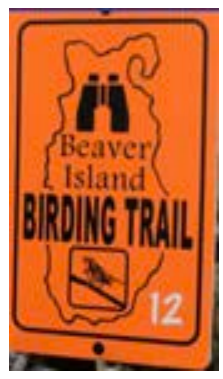

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BIHS BASKETBALL TEAM RETURN CHAMPIONS

The Beaver Island Elementary Basketball team returned from the Junior Basketball Tournament held on Mackinac Island on April 13th Champions. The team consisted of third through sixth-grade students, Conner McDonough, Eli Pease, Tyler Bousquet, Sawyer Gazdecki, Kory and Ryley Maudrie, Collin and Declan McGee, Killian McGinnity, and Lily Warmerdam.

The team started the tournament fighting back from a four-point deficit at the start of the second half against the Hannahville “A” Team, winning 24 to 22. In the second matchup, Beaver Island faced Mackinac Island. After missing multiple scoring opportunities and being unable to make enough defensive stops, Beaver Island fell to the home team 8 to 2.

As the Group B runner-up, Beaver Island advanced to the semifinals against the Group A winner, Hannahville “B” Team. Having made some off-court adjustments between games, Beaver Island took the lead and never looked back, winning 16 to 10. This victory set the stage for a rematch between Beaver Island and Mackinac Island for the championship.

Mackinac Island started the championship game on a 4-0 run; however, the adjustments and grit displayed by the Beaver Island team were too much for the Lakers to overcome. As time expired, the final score was Beaver Island 18, and the Lakers 12. The victory was sealed, and the chant back to the airport was “Beaver Island.” GO ISLANDERS!

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Beaver Island Airport Takes Action to Address Safety and Funding Challenges

By Beaver Island Airport Commission

In response to ongoing safety and funding challenges, Beaver Island Airport (SJX) is proactively addressing tree penetration issues in its runway approach areas. The airport, like many others in Michigan, faces the common problem of normal tree growth encroaching upon the 20:1 approach surface required for runway safety. For clarification, the 20:1 approach criterion begins 200 feet off the end of the paved runway and at the physical end of the runway for the turf runways. For every 20 feet moving away from the runway, the allowable surface goes up 1 foot in height. This extends for several thousand feet away from each runway end. As you move farther away from the runway end, the allowable heights of structures/vegetation in that are increases. If a structure or tree penetrates this surface, then it is considered an obstruction.

To meet this standard, some airports often consider shortening or closing runways, compromising safety and usability for various aircraft operators, but that is not a feasible long-term solution and something we're aiming to avoid. Recently, we successfully resolved the tree issues at both ends of Runways 9 and 27, but the ongoing growth poses a continuous challenge and the airport's overall operational flexibility is impacted by prevailing wind conditions, which do not always favor the use of Runways 9 or 27. Additionally, future plans to repave runways 9 and 27, which are necessary for infrastructure maintenance, also presents a temporary closure challenge so we need all runways to be safe and operational. Further, Beaver Island Airport is currently operating under a provisional license, from the State of Michigan Office of Aeronautics (AERO), which limits our access to future government funding until these safety concerns are addressed. The airport's acceptance of federal funding from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and MDOT AERO further obliges it to provide appropriate approach clearances.

Conservation is a priority for the Beaver Island Airport, and to ensure we only remove trees that are in violation of safety regulations, AERO, has adopted innovative drone technology with LIDAR scanning that can pinpoint individual trees causing obstructions. This detailed information is crucial for the airport's licensing reviews and to demonstrate adherence to regulatory standards.

Beaver Island Airport is also subject to the Airport Approach Plan (AAP) under the Aeronautic Code of the State of Michigan, requiring property owners within approach plan zones to maintain clear approaches at their expense. The airport committee, recognizing the responsibility shared with private landowners, is actively seeking collaborative solutions. A recent successful collaboration involved landowners Al Hunting and Roger Lear, who granted the airport permission to remove trees impacting the approach to runway 23 (Southwest). Our community and neighbors are important, and to address safety concerns and optimize tree removal, the Beaver Island Airport Committee (BIAC) is exploring the use of an excavator for safe and efficient operations. Plans include working with adjoining property owners as well as offering incentives to defray some costs for those assisting in tree removal. To keep the community informed and engaged, BIAC will hold future meetings where detailed survey maps showing areas of concern will be presented.

The Airport Commission understands the importance of ongoing dialogue with property owners to ensure a comprehensive and cooperative approach to address these challenges, and the Beaver Island Airport remains committed to maintaining a top-notch, safe, and accessible aviation facility. Our collaboration with you, our community, is key to overcoming these challenges. The airport is required to support island emergencies and commerce on a year-round basis.

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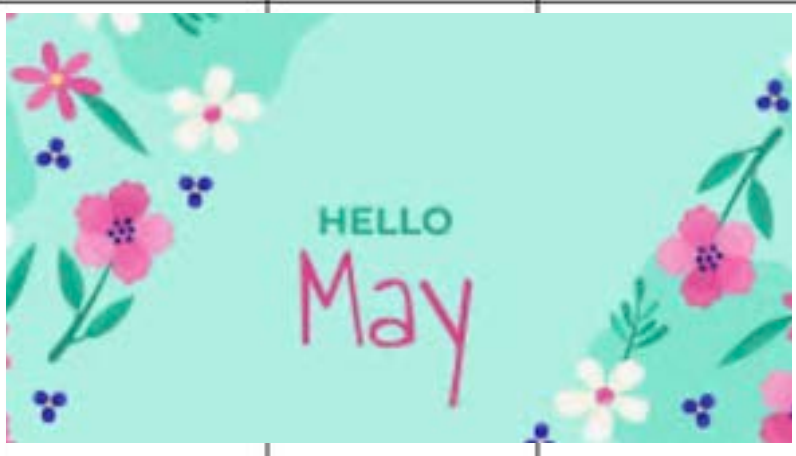			**1** • **9am** Peaine Township Planning Commision • **10am** COA Cardio Drumming • **1pm** COA Bingo • **1pm** St. James Township Finance Committee • **3:30pm** Facilities Committee Meeting • **5pm** Time for Art	**2** • **10am** Pickleball • **10am** Women's Bible Study • **11am** Senior Tai Chi • **4pm** Island Roots Gardening Club • **5pm** Burger & Beer • **6pm** Beaver Island AA Meeting • **6pm** Euchre Night at WPBC	**3** • **9am** Senior+Vets Coffee & Donuts • **10am** Pickleball • **10:30am** Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program	**4** • **1pm** Lego Club • **1pm** Northern Islander 1st Anniversary Party • **2pm Movie:** Star Wars Episode IV • **5pm Movie:** Star Wars Episode V • **6 pm** AA Meeting • **8pm Movie:** Star Wars Episode VI
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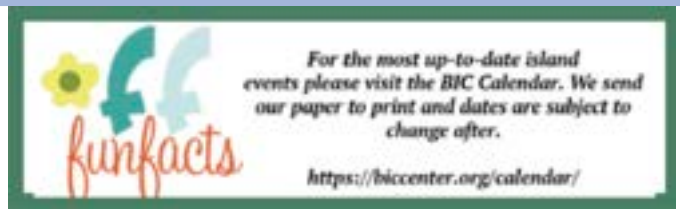
26 • **10am** Beaver Island Christian Church Worship • **12:15 am** Sunday Mass • **3pm** Tales From the Road: The Big Year Talk Presentation by Terry Grabill	**27** • **10am** COA Cardio Drumming • **5pm** All You Can Eat Pizza & Salad • 5:30pm Pickleball **Memorial Day** **11am - Veteran Park**	**28** • **10:30am** Arthritis Foundation Exercise • **6pm** Beaver Island AA Meeting	**29** • **1pm** COA BINGO • **5pm** Time for Art • **7pm** Adult Faith Formation	**30** • **10am** Women's Bible Study • **11am** Senior Tai Chi • **5pm** Burger & a Beer • **6pm** Beaver Island AA Meeting	**31** • **9am** Senior Vets Coffee & Donuts • **10:30am** Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program	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BAROQUE ON BEAVER ANNOUNCES GUEST ARTISTS FOR UPCOMING SEASON

By Matt Thomas

Baroque on Beaver Announces Guest Artists for Upcoming Season Last season the Beaver IslandPerforming Arts Alliance (BIPAA) presented pianist Ying Li both in recital and as soloist with the Festival Orchestra. Ms. Li had only recently given her Carnegie Hall debut; among much else on her schedule, she will appear as soloist with the Minnesota Orchestra next February. This summer BIPAA will once again present world-class guest artists during Baroque on Beaver (July 25–August 3). We are pleased to present both established stage veterans and upcoming artists on the cusp of widespread fame and notoriety to the Beaver Island community. For our Opening Night Benefit concert (July 27 at the Beaver Island Community Center), pianist Jaeden Izik-Dzurko will perform a solo recital featuring works of Robert Schumann, Mozart, and Maurice Ravel. On July 30 at Central Michigan University Biological Station, he will perform the Johannes Brahms quintet in F minor with the Baroque String Quartet.

Celebrated by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as one of "30 hot Canadian classical musicians under 30," pianist Jaeden Izik-Dzurko is a young musician with a growing international career.

Recognized by audiences, conductors, composers, and critics alike for the exceptional communicative power and thoughtfulness of his interpretations, "…he projects a distinctive musical personality that imbues even the most routine passagework with character and individuality" (Calgary Herald). Most recently, Jaeden was awarded First Prize, the Canon Audience Prize, and the Chamber Music Award at the 20th Paloma O'Shea Santander International Piano Competition where he performed with Cuarteto Casals. He was First Prize winner at both the 2022 Maria Canals International Music Competition and the 2022 Hilton Head International Piano Competition. He is also a Grand Prize winner at the Federation of Canadian Music Festivals' National Competition. Jaeden has appeared as a featured soloist with the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, the Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra, the Okanagan Symphony Orchestra, the Kamloops Symphony, the Jove Orquestra Nacional de Catalunya, the Lions Gate Sinfonia, and the Orquesta Sinfónica de RTVE. His upcoming engagements include performances with the Real Orquesta Sinfónica de Sevilla, the Bilbao Orkestra Sinfonika, and the Orquesta Sinfónica de Tenerife. His playing has been broadcast on CBC Radio's In Concert, WQXR's Young Artists Showcase and American Public Media's Performance Today. An experienced recitalist, Jaeden has appeared at Wigmore Hall in London, Salle Cortot in Paris, and the Auditorio Nacional de Música in Madrid. His October 2022 debut recital at Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall drew a rave review from the New York Concert Review: "…one of the most refined tonal palettes I have ever heard, combined with a polished close-to-the-keys technique, and a certain basic humility in the service of the music."

BIPAA is also delighted to welcome back both soprano Martha Guth and bass Ricardo Lugo. Martha will appear at CMU on July 31 for the Founders Concert; both Ricardo and Martha join maestro Robert Nordling, director Peter Amster, the Baroque Vocal Quartet, and the Festival Orchestra for Mozart's opera The Marriage of Figaro on our August 3 finale concert at the Beaver Island Community Center.

Martha's operatic performances include the Santa Fe Opera, the Canadian Opera Company, the Grazer Oper in Austria, Opera Lyra in Ottawa, Canada and Palma de Mallorca, Spain. In recital she has performed at Wigmore Hall, the Leeds Lieder Festival, the Vancouver International Song Institute, and the Ottawa International Chamber Music Festival with Erika Switzer, a world premiere at Lincoln Center, the Liederkranz with Pianist Dalton Baldwin, and an all-Britten recital with Pianist Malcolm Martineau in NYC. Her recitals have been recorded and broadcast for the CBC Radio/Radio Canada, the BBC Radio in the U.K and the WDR in Germany. Other performances include St. John's Smith Square in London, the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Voices of Ascension in NYC, The National Cathedral, the Calgary Philharmonic, the Aldeburgh Connection in Toronto, and both Claveçin en Concert and the André Turp society in Montreal. She is proud to have worked under the batons of Maestro's Seiji Ozawa, Robert Spano, Helmut Rilling, John Nelson and Richard Bradshaw, and Alan Gilbert among many others.

Praised for his "resonant, full-voiced basso" by Opera News, Ricardo is a versatile international artist in demand on both the operatic and concert scenes. Having made his Metropolitan Opera début as Un Barnabotto in La Gioconda, Mr. Lugo has since been involved in multiple productions with the world's most illustrious opera company. Mr. Lugo's previous season included Virginia Opera, Pittsburgh Opera, Hawaii Opera Theater, and San Francisco Opera. This season, in addition to Virginia Opera, he returns to Opera de Puerto Rico, Nashville Opera, and New Orleans Opera. In recent seasons, Mr. Lugo has also joined Culturarte (Puerto Rico), Musica Viva Hong Kong, Detroit Opera, Opera Memphis, Sarasota Opera, the Princeton Festival, the American Symphony Orchestra, Vancouver Opera, Arizona Opera, San Francisco Opera, and Santa Fe Opera among much else.

On the concert platform Ricardo has sung Verdi's Requiem, Beethoven's Missa solemnis, Mozart's Requiem, St. John Passion, Mendelssohn's Magnificat, Handel's Messiah, Haydn's The Creation, and Berlioz' Romeo et Juliette with such orchestras as New Mexico Symphony, Puerto Rico Symphony and the Santa Fe Symphony. He has also appeared with the acclaimed Opera Orchestra of New York. Mr. Lugo made his New York Recital Début in February in 2006 at the Liederkranz Foundation. Please plan to join us this summer for Baroque on Beaver, the Beaver Island Jazz Series, and the Beaver Island Drama Series. For all tickets (available June 1) and information **visit www.baroqueonbeaver.org.**

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BY RACHEL BECKER

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Heidi Bearss shares how her mom, Carole, started making crepes. "She learned to make these when we lived in Germany in the 80's. (Crepes originated in France, but we lived in the southwest corner of Germany next to France. They are very popular in Germany.) When we would come to Beaver Island for the summer, she would make them for all our relatives who came to visit our campsite on Darkeytown Rd (aka Barney's Lake Road). My Grandpa Vertican was famous for riding down the driveway on his moped, yelling 'Are the crepes on yet??' She cooked them on a Coleman camp stove, on a picnic table, in a screen tent to keep the mosquitoes at bay!"

With this recipe, you can multiply it as much as you need to for the number of people you are serving. The measurements here are for two people. It makes four to six crepes, depending on pan size.

Mix three eggs & 1 cup milk together, add 2/3 cup flour, and mix well but don't overdo it. Preheat a medium frying pan on medium-high heat. Spray with cooking spray, then pour about 1/4 cup of batter into the pan and swirl to coat the bottom of the pan and a little way up the sides. Cook until the edges start to lift up from the pan. Turn crepe over and sprinkle shredded sharp cheddar (optional) down the middle. Once the cheese is melted, fold it in half and in half again. Serve hot with fruit toppings (such as applesauce, blueberry or cherry pie filling) and sprinkle with powdered sugar.

There are many options for fillings. Some like them plain/no cheese, with just a sprinkle of cinnamon sugar. Some like them with nutella and sliced banana. They are very versatile, so fill them with whatever your heart desires! But cheese & fruit is the classic.

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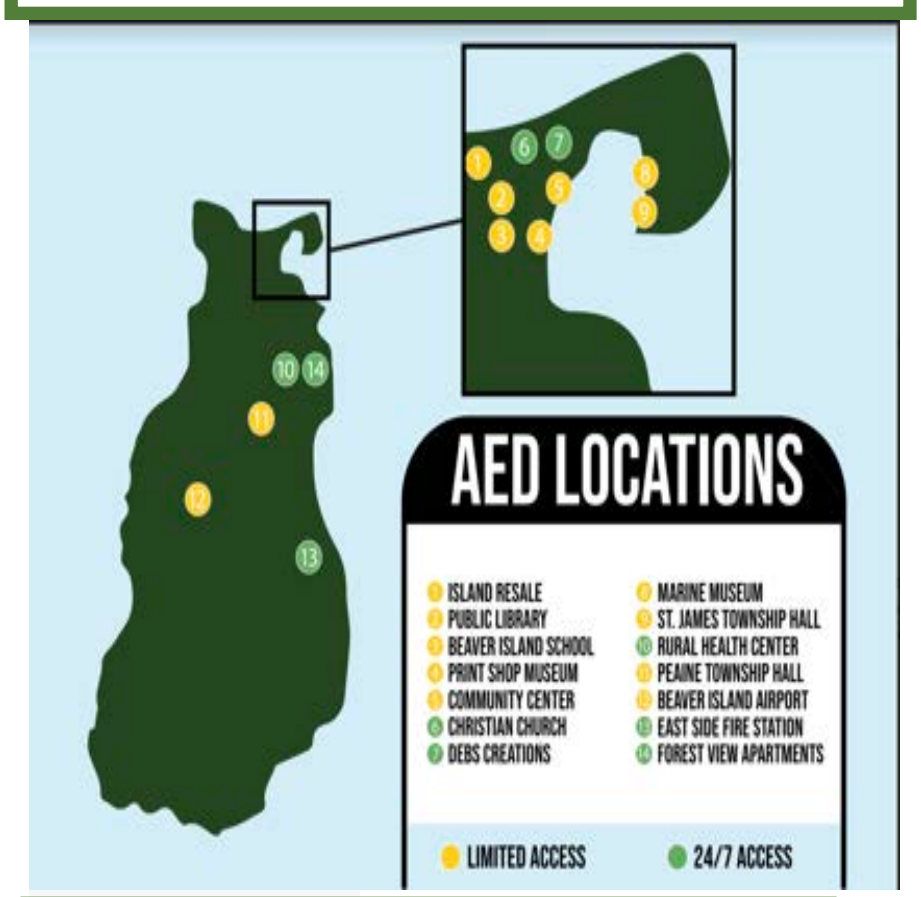

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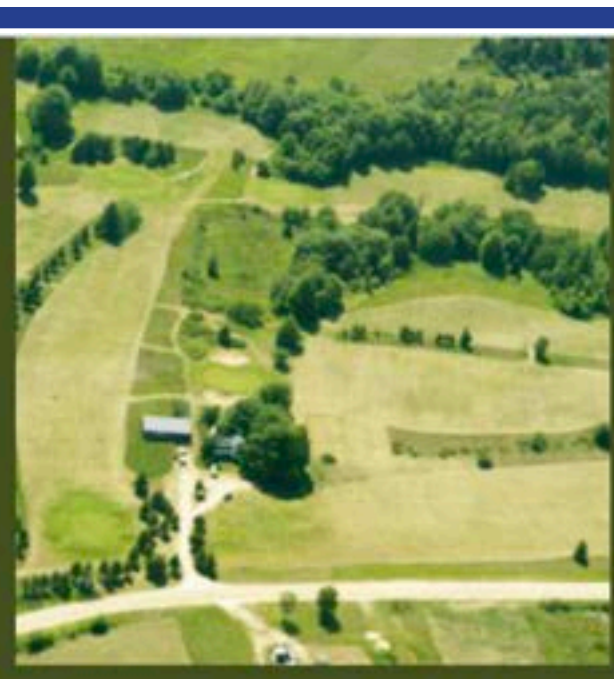

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CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SYNOPSIS APRIL 10, 2024

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met in the Charlevoix County Commissioners room on April 10, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. Five Commissioners were present. Excused: Commissioner Jess.

Motion approved the agenda as presented.

Motion approved the consent agenda as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #24-031, Grandvue Operating Transfer.

Motion approved Resolution #24-032, County Expenditures.

Motion approved the appointment of Cathy Kessler to the Charlevoix County Transit Advisory Board.

Motion approved the appointment of Dennis Howard to the Land Bank.

Motion approved Resolution #24-033, Establishment of a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program Amendment. No Support.

Motion approved Resolution #24-034, Purchase of Delinquent Taxes.
Motion approved Resolution #24-035, Whiting Park Septic Pump Replacement.

Motion approved Resolution #24-036, Public Hearing Notice.

Motion approved Resolution #24-037, 2024 Analysis for Equalization Report.
Commissioner Hankins moved to go into closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268 8(e) at 10:25 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Kenney.

The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 10:58 a.m.

Complete copies of Board minutes can be found on the County website, www.charlevoixcounty.org.
Julia A. Drost, County Clerk

BROAD BAND UPDATE- INFLECTION POINT

By Dick Mulvihill

For over 10 years the BIA has been working to bring broadband to Beaver Island.

In 2021 the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Job Act (JIIA) allocated $65 billion investment in broadband of which $48.2 billion is administered by the NTIA.

- Availability – infrastructure
  - $42.5B Broadband Equity Allocation Deployment (BEAD) Program
- Allocation – promote digital equity and inclusion.
  - $2.75B Digital Equity Act

The Michigan high speed Internet office (MIHI) notified us that NTIA BEAD $1.55 billion grant there was enough funds to support all served and unserved locations to make Beaver Island eligible for BEAD Funding.

TDS petitioned the FCC to enact the Enhanced ACAM Program (E-CAM) to continue ACAMII copper-based DSL 100/20 Mbps service until 2038. In 2017 TDs received a FCC ACAM $3.3M annual grant to provide DSL service to the island. The FCC ACAM grant is defined as an enforceable commitment that could make Beaver Island ineligible for the BEAD grant.

The Joint Telecommunications Advisory Committee (JTAC) submitted A Petition for Reconsideration to the FCC on the Enhanced ACAM program.

TDS has not responded to the NMIHI demand that Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (ILEC) phase out copper DSL for future proof private fiber for universal service high-cost areas.

The BIA's only resource is volunteer sweat equity. We are applying for the BEAD program, but do not have the resources to apply for the Digital Equity Act Program.

We've reached out to Merits Network, provides Higher Ed,K-12, libraries, government, healthcare secured network facilities, to assist us with the Enhanced ACAM challenge, MIHI BEAD Challenge and BEAD/ Digital Equity Act applications.

The MIHI BEAD Challenge Process determines the Michigan communities eligible for BEAD funding. The Challenge process runs form March 25 through April 30th.

The BEAD Challenge Process

- Speed:
- Technology
- Enforceable Commitment

Merits Networks, **https://www.merit.edu/** and University of University of Chicago Data Science Institute, **https://datascience.uchicago.edu/** shipped Netics devices to Beaver Island at no cost.

We found volunteers to run the Netrics speed test. The Netrics device plugs into the router and run preprogramed speed test and is a repository of Internet outages. Test data is transmitted in bulk to the MIHI Area Challenge platform.

The MIHI Area Challenge shifts the burden of proof from the subscriber to the ISP -TDS.

- Single provider - TDS
- Single technology - DSL
- Single census block groups
- BI has one census block.

The BEAD program stipulates community anchor institutions (ACI) receive symmetric Gigabit Internet connectivity. The MIHI expanded the ACI designation beyond the BICS, BIRHC BICL to include fifteen other institutions including CMU and Beaver Head Lighthouse.

The MIHI BEAD Challenge stipulates providing the Michigan High-Speed Internet Office the list of Beaver Island CAIs that do not have adequate broadband service.

We're at a inflection point.

The only way to secure our digital future is to build a township owned network. We have partnered with Advanced Data & Communication, https://acd.net/ a Michigan based ISP, to design, build and manage a fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) network, and apply for the BEAD grant.

This will be a long intense battle to get FCC approval to force TDS to build a fiber network on BI. Even if TDS agrees with the MIHI demands to build fiber on the island, we still have a service provider with thirty years of inadequate Internet speed, extended outages, and terrible service.

TDS is an FCC sanctioned entrenched monopoly who will not allow competition on Beaver Island without a fight.

We need contribution and support from the townships, anchor institutions, business and residents for a township owned FTTH network to ensure our financial viability and health of our citizens.

If you've had difficulty with slow broadband speeds, getting service turned on for a new place or turned back on after being away, the University of Chicago would like to know what happened.

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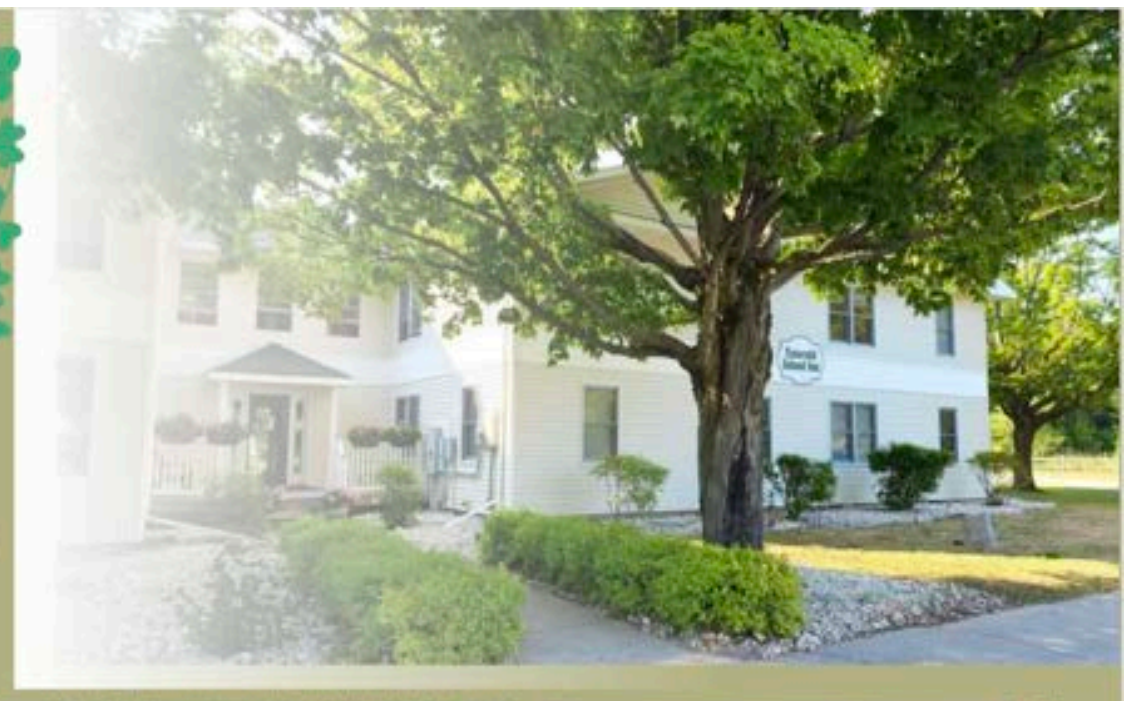

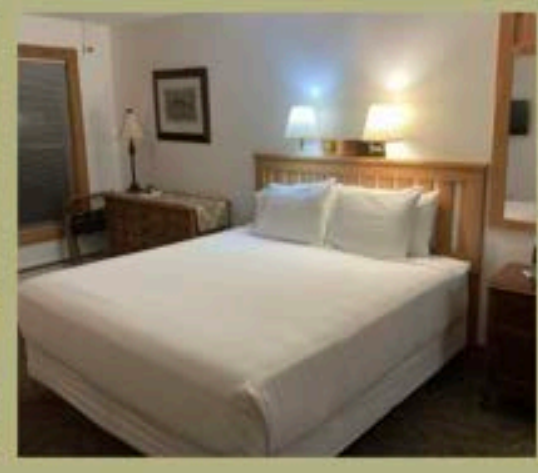

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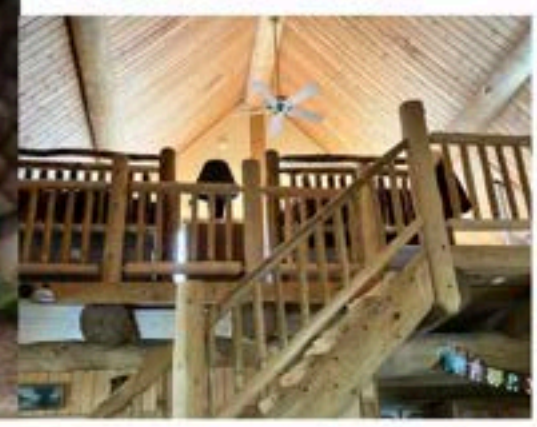

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GRANTS FOR ENVIRONMENT, ARTS & CULTURE

By Pam Decker

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation hosted two grant cycles in March, responding to requests from local nonprofit organizations working to address environmental needs as well as needs in arts, music, history, and culture. Thanks to donors who participate with the Community Foundation to make a difference close to home, a total of $112,495 in grants have been awarded to nonprofits between the two cycles. The impact of both cycles will be felt on Beaver Island this year, particularly during the busy summer months.

Environment and Land Use grants in Charlevoix County totaled $63,960, with $10,500 of that awarded to organizations serving Beaver Island.

Specifically, Tara's Meadow will focus on local foods and ecological resilience by working with partners to conduct workshops on soil regeneration, organic waste management, and local foods production. They will also spotlight ecological resilience by hosting "Team Monarch" during the BI Sustainability Week this June. They will bring in a Monarch Butterfly expert from Walloon Lake who will lead the planting of native forbs and collection of Monarch butterfly eggs and caterpillars to protect, raise, and release as butterflies in Charlevoix County.

St. James Township is working to accomplish their natural resources and recreation goals. They will use their environmental grant to protect, educate, and improve access at the Gull Harbor Natural Area. They will replace signs and benches that were destroyed by the high water, winds, and ice in 2021/22, and will adjust the trailhead and parking areas to protect the natural resources in this area while also providing better access for the public to experience the unique fossils, flora, and fauna of the Island.

Arts and Culture grants in the Charlevoix County totaled $48,535, with $7,500 of that going to four organizations serving Beaver Island.

Bringing professional artists to our rural area is a big benefit for the ommunity. The Beaver Island Performing Arts Alliance will bring a play with professional direction and actors for the enjoyment and enrichment of the Island community. Mounting a play with professional direction and actors reflects the organization's commitment to elevate, extend, and diversify the performing arts on Beaver Island to meet the cultural needs and interests of an ever-widening audience of residents and visitors. Grant funds will support production of the play and costs associated with bringing performers to the Island.

Exploring our history and culture provides a better understanding of who we are. It's important for us all to learn about other cultures as well as our own. The Beaver Island District Library will use their grant to offer cultural programming highlighting Indigenous peoples, including offering crafts and programming like pottery, basketry, beadwork, art, music, dance, story-telling, and cultural foods. Similarly, the Beaver Island Historical Society will use their grant to bring several unique programs to the Island, such as kids programming about fossils and paleontology, storytelling and music about the Great Lakes and women lighthouse keepers, Irish Dance performers, and more.

Providing music education to youth and helping kids learn to play musical instruments is of great importance. Tunes Music Makers works to make sure that anyone who wants to learn to play an instrument can participate. They offer lessons for all ages, for a variety of instruments, including guitar, piano, mandolin, ukelele, electric guitar, and even vocal lessons. Their unique instrument lending program also helps defray the cost of purchasing instruments. The lessons are individual and private and each student is able to learn at their own pace. There has been more interest in the program than they initially projected, so grant funds will help to provide more students interested in music education the opportunity to participate without financial barriers.

For a complete list of grants, visit c3f.org.

A charitable organization dedicated to improving and enriching life in this area, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation accepts gifts from individuals, families, businesses, and civic groups and manages them as permanent endowment funds, which are carefully invested to grow over time. Each year C3F makes grants that support a wide variety of programs that make our region better by using a portion of the endowment earnings. This provides ongoing charitable capital to benefit Charlevoix County—both now and into the future. Visit c3f.org to learn more about how to make a tax-deductible donation to one of these endowment funds.

The next grant cycle is called Community Priorities. Applications are now being accepted. This cycle is open to requests from eligible nonprofit partners to meet needs and advance opportunities in Charlevoix County. Applications are due by Wednesday, May 1, 2024. The Community Foundation welcomes inquiries about applying for grants anytime at acousens@c3f.org.

BEAVER ISLANDERS HEAD TO ARRANMORE

By Aedan Cole

"The trip to Ireland, that I got the privilege of going on recently, has had a great impact on me in many ways. This trip, especially to Arranmore, and everything I was able to experience there taught me several valuable lessons. However I think the most valuable thing I can take away from this trip is learning what "home" really means. Visiting Arranmore and meeting all the people taught me that home is not just where you were born but instead it is more of a feeling you get. I know this because there were several times on that trip and even now that I'm back where it seems like Arranmore feels more like home than Beaver Island. Additionally it showed me the importance of community and what that brings to a place. As well as how important it is to have communities and bonds even across oceans. Overall the trip taught me many things, but in particular it taught me what "home" really means and how important a sense of community is in making a place feel like home."

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BICS ROBOTICS TEAM WRAPS UP IT'S 2024 SEASON

By Kevin Boyle

Beaver Island Community School's robotics team, bIrobot, finished up its 2024 FIRST FRC competition season at a two day event hosted by Macomb Community College at Sterling Heights High school. Team Captain Jason Selby says they had a rough start on Friday with a number of mechanical and power issues. "But, we came back strong at the end of the day Friday and ran well for all of our qualification rounds on Saturday, scoring wins in six matches in a row," he said. "We wound up playing our last two matches with alliance partners who wound up paired in the number one playoff alliance, and they picked us as their third member," he added. The team played hard through the playoffs notching up five wins and made it all the way to the finals. "We were within two points of taking home our first District Champion banner," says Kevin Boyle, who teaches the Programming and Robotics class at BICS and is the team's coach. "It was a fantastic run and the team worked almost non-stop through the fast-paced finals rounds to keep the robot in top running shape." In addition to bringing home runner up medals and a trophy for the second-place playoff finish, the team was awarded an Industrial Design Award sponsored by General Motors recognizing it for the design of its robot.

The team wound up ranked 18th over all out of 40 teams at Sterling. They were at Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie two weeks earlier where they were ranked 21st out of 40. This year's game required robots that could shoot a foam loop into various targets. bIrobot's machine used a retractable intake system that grabbed notes from the floor and rotated them into position for shooting into the targets. "we had help from Mr, Duffing in automating that process," said Selby. "When the robot approached a note on the floor, I'd hit a button to deploy the intake and run it's rollers. When the note came on board and hit a limit switch, the code stopped the rollers and rotated the intake back so our note was ready to shoot. It made us very fast, and very efficient," says Selby.

bIrobot competes in FIRST's FRC league, which is designed for high school students. FIRST has three other leagues that are designed for students starting in 1 st grade. "We are usually one of the smallest teams at our events, and usually have the youngest team members," says Boyle.

"That was true again this year. We had six students traveling to events and two high schoolers. We saw a number of teams with more than 40 members," he added. FIRST teams work to advance interest in STEAM education and careers, bIrobot does this by building robots that run in the Island's Independence Day, running a summer robotics camp, putting on an annual robotics film festival where they demonstrate their robots, and using their CNC router and 3D printers to build birdhouse kits that it donates to the BIC Center and Historical Society for sale in their shops. This year they are collaborating with the BIC Center to present a May the Fourth Be With You Star Wars watch party. "Between films, we'll be demonstrating our 2024 robot with a full-scale goal that's almost 8 feet tall," says Selby. "We'll also have some Leho EV3 robots to demo and a custom-built mini excavator. We hope folks will come out to enjoy the movies and see our work!" The watch party starts at 2:00 on May 4 th at the BIC Center with a showing of Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope. The robot demonstration will be ahead of the 5:00 showing of Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back. Episode VI: Return of the Jedi will show at 8:00. "We'll have our pit display setup in the BIC Center Lobby as sort Jedi Gateway for people coming to see the shows," said Boyle. "It has video displays that we use to promote the island at events, but we'll have it all done up for Star Wars to greet folks coming to the watch party. It'll be pretty cool."

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BICS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTS NEW MEMBERS

By Wil Cwikiel

On Wednesday, April 17, 2024, the Beaver Island Community School (BICS) National Honor Society (NHS) gathered the school community together to mark a significant academic milestone: to induct its newest members—Izzabella DeLaat, Sophie McDonough, and Kira Turner.

Since it was founded in 1921, the National Honor Society recognizes exceptional high school students across the country for their commitment to upholding the highest standards of NHS's four pillars: Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character.

The induction ceremony included an introduction by Mrs. Boyle, an explanation of the significance of the NHS emblem by BICS NHS President April Burgess, and definitions of each of the four pillars by Alyssa Martin, Izzy DeLaat, Sophie McDonough, and Kira Turner.

The ceremony closed with comments by Dr. Cwikiel, who expressed both his appreciation for the commitment to excellence shown by the senior members of NHS, including Aedan Cole, Maggie McCafferty, and April Burgess and his excitement about the school leadership that Izzy DeLaat, Sophie McDonough, and Kira Turner will provide in the coming years.

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Established in 2006, the BIRHC Wellness Garden is for patients, staff and the community to enjoy! The garden is maintained by a volunteer group that meets Wednesdays 10am-12pm, our mission is to Cultivate Joy as we dig in the dirt! We welcome anyone to join us, green thumb not required! Or just stop by to say hello and enjoy the flowers. Through our fundraising efforts last year we've purchased several benches and a picnic table for the community to enjoy.

Spring fundraiser: **PLANT SALE!** Date & time coming soon.

GARDEN TOUR NEWS After a very successful 2023 tour we are now prepping for the next tour, coming Summer 2025! Have or know someone who has a garden to share? Send them our way, BIRHC Wellness Garden Tour Summer 2025!

BEAVER ISLAND WILDLIFE NEWS

By Jacque LaFreniere

The Wildlife Club again offered trees for planting on Beaver Island. We had a variety of apples, **American Chestnuts, Black cherry, Cranberry, Elderberry, Hazelnut and Serviceberry.** Grow tubes were available for the chestnuts with recommendations to fence them in also.

The June Fishing Tournament planning is underway. It will be held at Lake G. on June 15th. Right now the plan is to allow adults to fish for Walleye and Bass. Kids will count for how many they catch and what size. Participants will have their fish weighed/measured at the end of the day to win a prize. This is not the free fishing weekend so adults will have to have a license and kids can fish free with a licensed adult. You can get your license online at Michigan.gov/dnr. You will have a digital license on your phone/device so won't need to have a paper license. More details will be in the June issue and online Beaver Island This and That and the forum.

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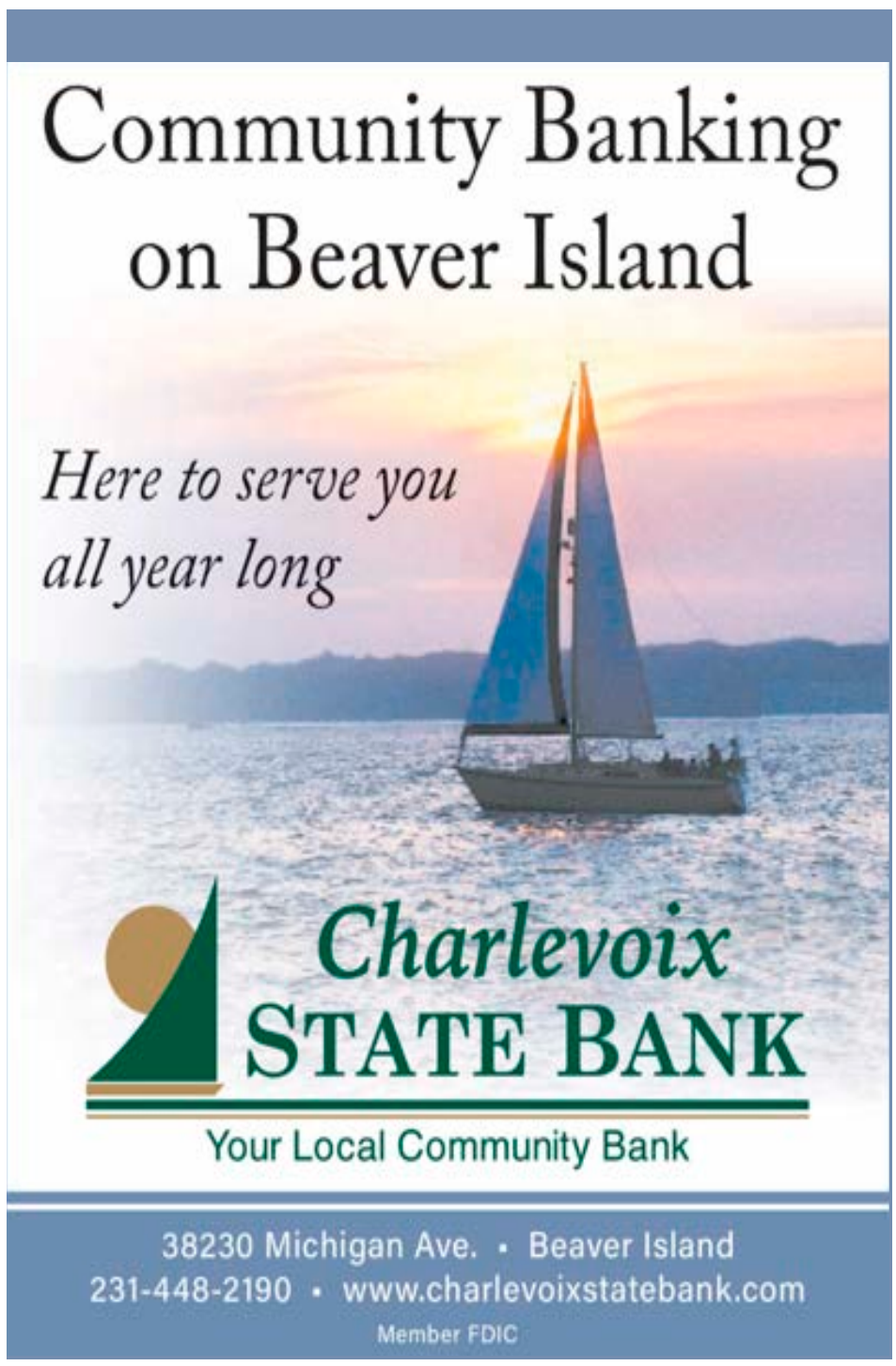


NEW RESEARCH SUBMERSIBLE TO BE STATIONED ON BEAVER ISLAND

By George Broder

Building on momentum from last summer's exciting loaned use of small submarines, Don Uzarski, Director of the CMU Institute for Great Lakes Research, just announced the purchase of a 20 year old two-person sub from a private engineer in Pennsylvania.

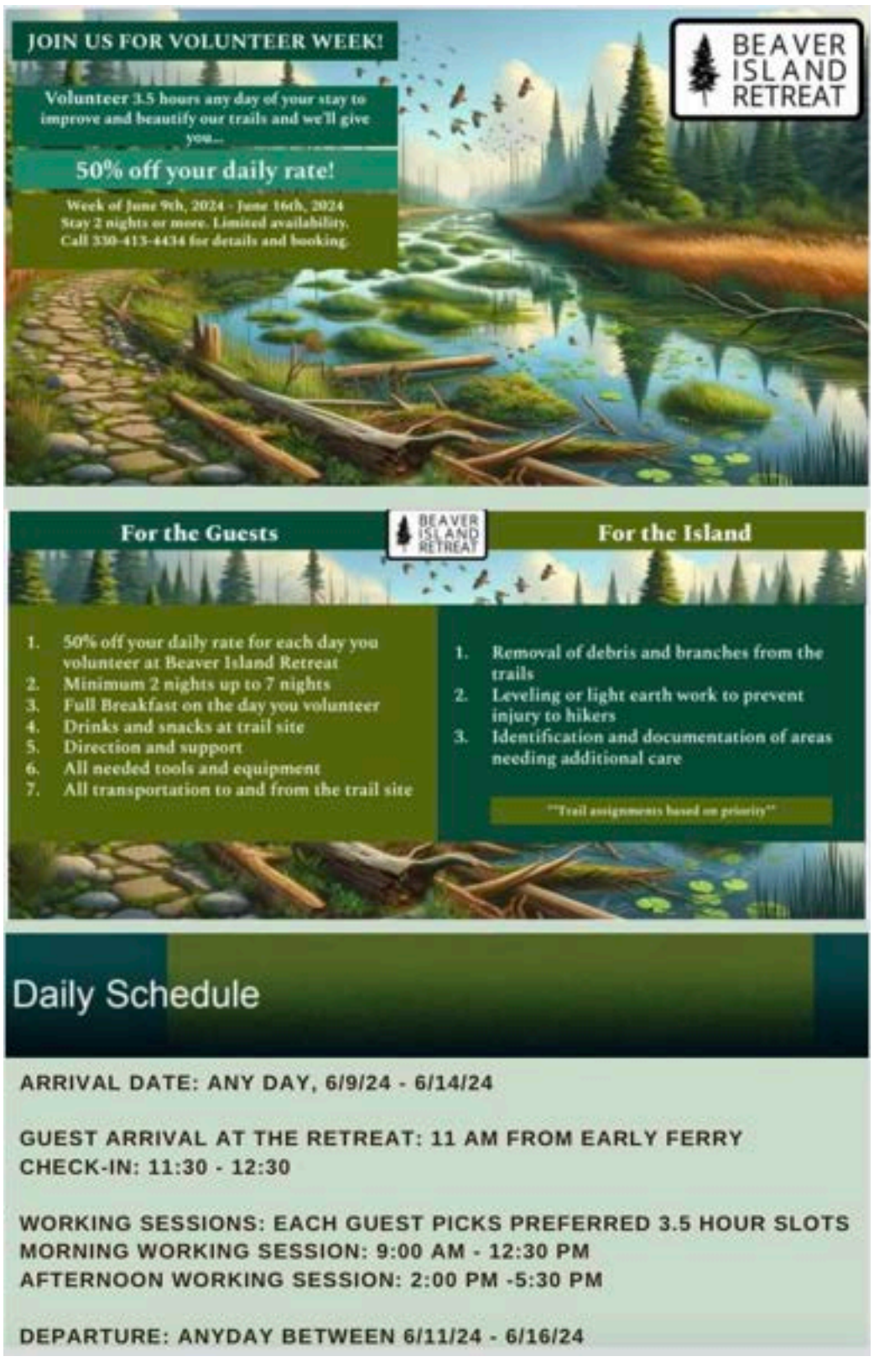
As reported by MLive, WNEM-TV5 and other media outlets, the sub is currently in Mount Pleasant. The $40,000 cost was grant funded. It will come North soon, to its new home at the Biological Station facility on the harbor and East Side Drive campus.

"I told my wife that if the University wasn't going to let me buy it, I was going to buy it," Uzarski said. "The price was right."

The sub will be used for a variety of research purposes, for instance, to look at whitefish spawning habitats. And conduct frequent surveys of the Enbridge Line 5 pipeline in the Straits of Mackinac.

"It can dive to 350' with people inside or 540' without occupants" Uzarski added.

The bow of the sub displays the words "Amik Dodem," an Ojibwe term for "beaver clan" given by the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe.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By Sue Holcombe & Seamus Norgaard

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Join us and ”pencil in” these Sustainability Fair Highlights!

Justin Miller, Northern Lights Photographer of the Year 2023
Tuesday June 18 th Beaver Island Community Center

Justin is an internationally published and recognized dark sky photographer who will teach us how to photograph the night skies and inspire us with his work.

We will hear exciting news about ***Beaver Island's Dark Sky Initiative!***

Monarch Butterfly & Pollinator Plant-In with Lauri Juday
Thursday and Friday, June 20th Tara's Meadow and June 21st at the Beaver Island Community Center

Learn about pollinator habitat and how to build it at the Monarch Butterfly & Pollinator Plant-In event at Tara's Meadow on Thursday. Lauri Juday of "Team Monarch" will offer a special program on Saving Monarch Butterflies and their Biology at the BI Community Center on Friday. Lauri Juday, affiliate of Journey North and Monarch Watch will teach us about the Monarch Butterfly, its incredible migration, and how we can help restore these orange wonders.

Become a mushroom harvester and inoculator with Gina Mangra – not just a mushroom hunter!

Tuesday June 18th Mushroom class and forage at CMU Research Station; Mushroom log inoculation Wednesday June 19th at Heritage Park

"The Pairs" Concert - Women's Folk Trio from Ontario, Canada
Friday Evening June 21 at the Beaver Island Community Center.

Back by popular demand, **The Pairs** return to Beaver Island to support sustainability at the **2024 Sustainability Fair.** The infectious music and soaring harmonies of these sister singer songwriters were hits at the 2023 Beaver Island Music Festival. Come hear them, again. Purchase your tickets early! There will be a short community story-sharing leading into the scintillating songs of these award winning, classically trained musicians.

Saturday June 22 beginning at the water!
Let your spirit soar Saturday morning at the water blessing ceremony.

Adam Duke will provide a hands-on demonstration of how to conduct an energy audit for your home - Saturday morning after the water ceremony at the Beaver Island Print Shop Museum

Sustainable Agriculture, Permaculture and Agroforestry with Eran Rhodzell
Saturday June 22 at the Gregg Fellowship Center. Eran Rhodzell, founder of the Sacred Earth Initiative and owner Laughing Linden Farms in Benzie County will teach us about how to grow more nutritious food sustainably. Eran graduated from Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington with a degree in Sustainable Agriculture. He spent a decade working on various organic farms in locations ranging from Kauai to California to Nova Scotia before settling in rural Benzie County.

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Furbabies of Beaver Island

MEET TILLEY & LOUIE

By Kelly Haenni

Tilley and Louie came to us during Covid. I foster through Critter Cavalry Rescue an all volunteer organization out of Franklin, Tennessee. Kira, their mom came to us pregnant and had eight beautiful babies! Tilley and Louie chose us as Foster fails. They are three now and when I am packing the car that they get to come to Beaver Island. They love it here and kind of think the beach is their own. Their best friends are Spike Broder, Lizzie Busby, Oscar and Nora!

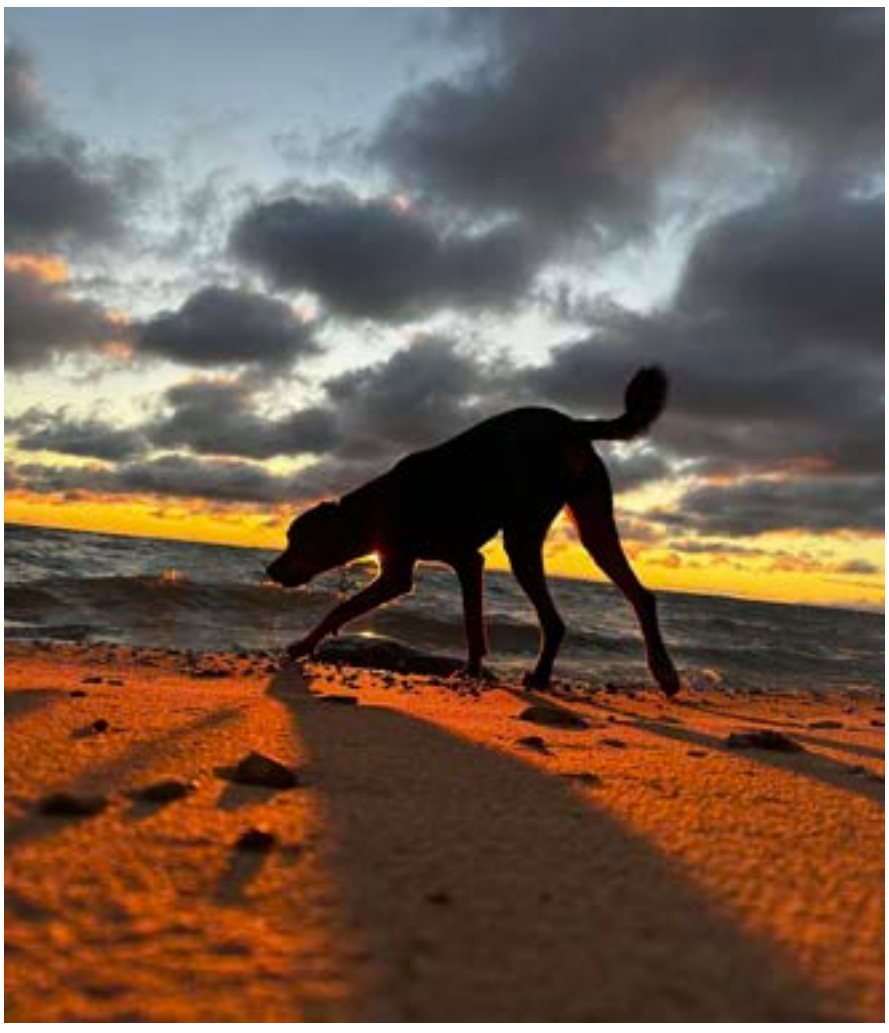
MEET OTIS

By Shelby Teeter

Otis was dumped on the side of the road when he was just a baby and the family that found him couldn't keep him in the house because their dogs didn't like other dogs. He spent months alone in a barn before I found the ad for him online. As they opened the barn doors, he ran straight to me, sat on my feet and looked up at me. It was truly love at first sight and he hasn't left my side since.

Technically I rescued him, but he really rescued me. He gave me purpose, hope and unconditional love when I needed it the most, and every day since. He loves watching the deer (along with a hidden talent of tracking them!), car rides, protecting his mom and house, and long walks on the beach. To see him come out of his shell and learn to trust humans again has been one of the greatest joys of my life.

To say I would die for that dog would be an understatement.



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